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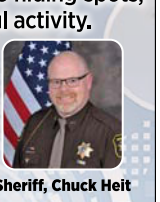

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Brent Brewer named SMC Interim President

COMMUNITY REPORT

DOWAGIAC — Brent Brewer was named interim president of Southwestern Michigan College during a special Thursday meeting following the resignation of President Dr. Joe Odenwald. Brewer, the school's Senior Vice President and Chief Strategy Officer, will assume the role effective May 11, 2025, subject to contract negotiations.

Odenwald notified the SMC Board of Trustees earlier in the week that he has accepted the presidency of Alma College in Alma, Mich., effective June 1, 2025. Odenwald will remain in his current position stewarding the college through Spring 2025 Commencement ceremonies on Saturday, May 10.

Brewer

"The college recognizes and appreciates Dr. Odenwald's contributions," said Chairman Thomas F. Jerdon. "SMC is in great condition, as it has been during my entire time here. Per state statute, governance of the college is vested solely with the locally elected Board of Trustees. It is the responsibility of this Board to manage any presidential transition, and we take that duty seriously. SMC has a lot of initiatives in the works right now, including multiple construction projects, an upcoming Higher Learning Commission assurance argument due on June 30, athletics expansion and the annual budgeting process. We feel it's important to retain some consistency in leadership moving forward to keep everything on track."

After officially accepting Odenwald's resignation, the Board had a lengthy and thorough conversation involving all seven trustees regarding the best course forward. They voted unanimously to appoint Brewer and to continue discussions about the need and method of any future searches to fill the role of president on a more permanent basis. SMC has appointed interim presidents twice in the past.

Brewer has worked for over 16 years at the college. He earned an Associate in Arts from SMC, then a Bachelor of Science in Organizational Management and a Master of Business Administration from Bethel University in Mishawaka, Indiana. Brewer joined SMC in a professional role as Outreach Specialist in September 2008, and has also served as Director of Enrollment Management, Community Outreach Coordinator, Director of Niles Campus, Associate Vice President for the Niles Campus, Chief of Staff, Vice President of Enrollment Management and

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Cassopolis tabs firm for village master plan

By JUSTIN FLAGEL
Leader Publications Contributor

CASSOPOLIS — The Cassopolis Village Council selected a planner for their new Village of Cassopolis Master Plan and Parks Plan at their meeting on Monday.

Cassopolis has chosen Progressive Companies, with offices in Grand Rapids, as the planner for the 2025-2030 Master Plan. Progressive was one of three companies who presented options at the Jan. 27 workshop meeting. Trustee Pedersen raised concerns about choosing a contractor that had already done multiple projects in the village, citing bidders Abonmarche and Progressive.

"I was concerned they were writing up a Master Plan that would just ensure a whole bunch more work for them," Pedersen said.

Though the Village has never worked with Progressive, it was noted that the previous Cassopolis Master Plan was created by Wightman, who had included contracting rates in the Progressive plan. Village staff noted that Wightman no longer provided planning services themselves and that those stages of the project would be entirely completed by Progressive, with additional contracting decisions coming later in the process.

Pedersen and Trustee Kelly, who expressed a preference toward Abonmarche, both voted against the choice. Trustee Makay voted yes, though noted concerns about rushing decisions. According to Alexis O'Flynn, who is in charge of community development in the village, the decision would need to be made now in order to stay on schedule for grant funding for future projects.

Department of Public Works Superintendent & Street Administrator Ben Anderson gave an update on the assessment of multiple sewer pipe breaks that have recently occurred. A machine is currently installed and collecting samples from the system to identify the amount and possible cause of the damage. The extent of the damage, as well as the solution, is still to be determined. With the possibility of replacing an entire system of lines, Trustee Kelly requested a plan to allow the council to plan for any repairs in future budgeting.

Anderson also reported that multiple properties that have been scheduled for demolition have been torn down.

The next Cassopolis Area Utilities Authority meeting will take place on 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 17. The February Council Workshop meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m. Monday, Feb. 24. The next regular council meeting is 6 p.m. Monday, March 10.

DOWAGIAC CONTINUES

DEBATE OVER USE OF CHIEFTAINS NAME, LOGO

By MAXWELL HARDEN
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DOWAGIAC — Community members were given the opportunity to voice their opinions Monday evening regarding the future of Dowagiac Union Schools' use of the Chieftains name and logo.

The DUS Board of Education hosted a special meeting at Dowagiac Middle School to listen to a presentation from the Tribal Council of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians of Michigan and Indiana on the subject as well as receive public input from community members.

"It's a hot topic, not only in Dowagiac but obviously across the state, across the country and it's something that's I think worth having discussion about," said Superintendent Greg Blomgren. "Every community is unique and there's obviously sides within each community as to what folks believe is in the best interest of the community and the schools and all the kids and the historical ties and connections that this has for Dowagiac is no different than probably many of the others. It's not easy, it's challenging. There's obviously loud voices and passionate people on both sides. There was no intent of coming here tonight to make any decisions. It was just an opportunity to hear and then to ask clarifying questions and I think that's the path we continue to go down and just try to learn and understand and then continue to work together. That's the idea, that's the plan and that's why the Pokagon Band leadership was here tonight."

Tribal Council Chairman Matthew Wesaw, Tribal Councilmember At-Large Rhonda Keene and Education Director Cathy Stone were on hand seeking to consult with the district regarding its continued use of the "Chieftains" nickname and logo. In August 2023, the Dowagiac Board of

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Michael Winchester speaks during Monday's special board of education meeting at Dowagiac Middle School.

'We didn't vote for him'

Protesters rally against Musk, DOGE in downtown Niles

By MAXWELL HARDEN
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NILES — More than 50 people gathered in downtown Niles Monday afternoon for a rally protesting the actions of Elon Musk and his influence over US government agencies.

"Hey hey, ho ho, Elon Musk has got to go," chants echoed throughout downtown as the group – made up of dozens of Berrien and Cass County residents – gathered outside Rep. Tim Walberg's office in Niles demanding the congressman to do more to curb the power

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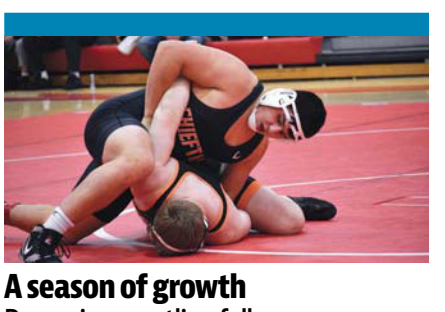

A season of growth
Dowagiac wrestling falls to Allegan 65-18 in regional finals

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TIPS, QUIPS, AND BLIPS

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Give the President a chance to fix the things nobody else has had the guts to fix. And, stop your whining.

Everyday Trump adds to the chaos. New tariffs, new Executive Orders, putting people out of work and keeping our judges busy with all of the court filings taking place. He was elected because groceries were too high. What single thing has he done to try to fix that?

I see the Philly fans were so happy and humbled by their Super Bowl victory that they felt it necessary to loot their city. It's so nice to see how athletics can bring people together.

Exactly when does the halftime entertainment begin. I'm still waiting for it.

Get out with your shovel or your rake and earn a few bucks. It's honest work and people are appreciative of the help.

I can't say it enough. I love downtown Dowagiac and Cassopolis. The charm of these buildings, the upkeep and the renovations to make it look nice for visitors says it all. That's why my husband and I keep coming back.

I know this is a broken record, but the 12/51 project in Niles sure was a mistake. I'm afraid to use the intersection because now I'm dodging high speed traffic further down the road.

It was nice to see concerned citizens exercising their Right to Assembly outside Congressman Walberg's office. We have far too many "yes-men" too afraid to stand up for Constitution law.

Are the "bad hombres" really going to El Salvador? When? Or, is this just talk?

MAGA? Why would we taxpayers want to build a "riviera" on the Gaza Strip 3000 miles away? Couldn't we build it in America, in Los Angeles? It would be a whole lot less concrete to dispose of. Build America!

WEATHER

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TEACHER/STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Jacqueline Kruger

By MAXWELL HARDEN
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Educators are perhaps the greatest population of unsung heroes in Berrien and Cass County. This school year, Leader Publications will publish a weekly spotlight featuring teachers and staff throughout the Dowagiac Union Schools district, giving the community a chance to get to know the hard-working individuals shaping their children's lives.

e: Jacqueline Kruger
School: Dowagiac Middle School
Grades/subjects taught: I teach sixth and eighth grade Earth Science and seventh and eighth grade STEAM.

Where did you attend college?

I graduated from Western Michigan University.

How many years have you been teaching? How many years have you been with your current school?

This is my fourth year teaching and my 10th year at Dowagiac Middle School. Before teaching Science, I was the 6-8 ELA classroom aide.

Why did you decide o become a teacher?

My father was a teacher and basketball coach for over 30 years (now a retired Superintendent) so I "grew up" in his various classrooms - watching him interact with students and become a positive influence and role model, has inspired me to do the same.

Outside of school, what do you enjoy doing for fun?

Outside of school, I enjoy spending time with my family (especially my awesome daughters Emerson and Kai), reading, watching movies, and going to Lake Michigan beach in Pentwater Michigan in the summer.

What is one thing your students may not know about you?

I have been a licensed cosmetologist for over 26 years.

Who is your favorite fictional character and why?

My favorite fictional character is Westley from my favorite movie, "The Princess Bride." He remains confident and determined in the face of adversity and never wavers from his quest for "true love".

What is your best advice to parents to help their child continue to grow academically?

My best advice to parents to help their child grow academically is to read to them and encourage reading. Get a free library card and frequent your local libraries!

If my students learn one thing this year, I hope it is... to grow in curiosity.

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Beth Cripe, Andrew Churchill.

SMC enrollment up for sixth straight semester, board discusses presidency

COMMUNITY REPORT

DOWAGIAC — At its regular meeting on Feb.12, the Southwestern Michigan College Board of Trustees set October as a target time to discuss selecting a permanent president.

Last week on Feb. 6, the board accepted President Dr. Joe Odenwald's resignation and unanimously appointed long-time administrator Senior Vice President and Chief Strategy Officer Brent Brewer as interim president, effective May 11.

Vice Chair Tracy Hertsel put forth a motion that the Board of Trustees will discuss and determine next steps for filling the president's position on a permanent basis in October. The motion passed unanimously.

Hertsel said, "The Board of Trustees is sensitive to the many major activities the administration has on its agenda and charges them to complete them by summer's end."

Service pins were awarded to two business faculty members, Andrew Churchill of Cassopolis for five years and James Benak of Osceola for 15 years.

Benak joined SMC in March 2010 to teach hospitality. He added a master's degree in learning and design from Purdue University in 2016 and an MBA from Indiana University South Bend in 2021.

He became a specialist in SMC's Moodle learning management system and, since COVID, has been quality coordinator. His leadership is evident in chairing several key committees, such as distance education, instructional technology and artificial intelligence. He was the first faculty advisor for e-sports.

In 2019, Benak was voted Faculty Member of the Year. He and his wife have two children.

Churchill, an SMC graduate from Marcellus, added a bachelor's degree through Ferris State University and holds an MBA, a master's degree in information security and intelligence and a master's degree in Biblical studies.

Churchill's father, Al, graduated from SMC in 1978. Andrew worked for Ferris State from 2012-2022, serves as treasurer of Cass District Library and is an Army veteran who earned open-water diving certification in Hawaii.

In his president's report, Odenwald said spring enrollment is up 75 students — 4.1 percent in head count and 2.5 percent in contact hours — over Spring 2024.

"Any way you slice it, enrollment is up," Odenwald said. "This is the sixth straight semester of year-over-year growth, an amazing job by so many of our employees. This spring, 25 percent of contact hours are online, up 6 percent from last spring. We're ticking up very consistently. In two years, from January 2023 to January 2025, spring enrollment is up over 15 percent."

Board Chair Tom Jerdon said, "This continued SMC enrollment growth is sourced from many areas, but especially from those staff members who have been diligently working to meet our enrollment goals. Congratulations to all the departments who make this happen every year."

Odenwald reported that Math/Science Department Chair Ria Thomas is retiring after 30 years of service.

Odenwald noted that Coach Todd Hesson's wrestlers three-peated at the MCCAA Individual Championships in Dearborn on Sunday. Ten Roadrunners won or placed second in their weight classes.

The board approved two new programs, an Associate of Applied Science in cardiovascular technology and an AAS in surgical technology.

Similar to the radiography technology program added in January, these offerings are shared with other rural two-year community colleges, combining online courses with local clinical components.

Trustees accepted a $100 gift to the college and acknowledged 31 individual donations totaling $41,690 to the SMC Foundation.

Jerdon said, "SMC is truly blessed to have so many loyal and dedicated donors who support the scholarships for our students."

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Barsoon came to the shelter las week in search of a new home as his owner couldn't care for him any longer. He's a year old, and very affectionate. Barsoon enjoys his exploring time when he's not getting all the loving attention he can get.

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Opinion

Sunny, sunny, sunny happiness

As the days grow longer and brighter, you may notice yourself feeling happier. This isn't just in your head—sunlight plays a significant role in regulating mood and energy levels. According to the Mayo Clinic, Dr. Jesse Bracamonte, a family medicine physician, explains that sunlight influences the brain's neurochemicals. He states, "People can feel more tired with less light due to the neurochemical or brain hormonal changes that occur with a change of season or less light. A common chemical that regulates that is called serotonin."

Turnock

Serotonin is a key neurotransmitter that helps boost mood and sunlight naturally increases its production. This means that the more exposure you get to natural light, the better you may feel both mentally and physically. Understanding this, I always try to spend time outside – even in the winter – to get my daily dose of sunlight. I know cold weather can be unappealing but the benefits make it worth it. So, bundle up and step outside, even if only for a few minutes.

As spring approaches and summer follows, we'll have even more opportunities to soak in the sun. Warmer days make it easier to get outside—no heavy layers required. Whether it's running an errand, taking a short walk, or just stepping out for a moment, every bit of sunlight can make a difference. Personally, I love walking along the lake, especially in summer. The way the sun reflects off the water, combined with the fresh air, brings a sense of happiness that simply can't be replicated indoors.

The takeaway? Sunlight is a simple yet powerful way to improve your well-being. Even if it's just a few minutes each day, make it a habit to step outside and soak in some natural light. You'll likely notice the difference – and your mind and body will thank you for it.

Peace and love to you all.

Joshua Turnock is a Niles High School graduate and a valued member of Leader Publications' Design Team.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

We need to stay informed on where our democracy may be headed

Editor,

In 1961, President Kennedy initiated the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) to implement our foreign assistance programs helping countries save millions of lives by fighting famine and eradicating illnesses like smallpox and polio.

For much of the world, USAID assistance makes up the primary, if not the only, US contact. USAID has become America's superpower countering world threats by supporting local initiatives and peaceful resolutions.

USAID's 2023 expenditure of $38 billion was less than 1% of America's annual spending.

USAID has enjoyed a large bipartisan support. Congress has meticulously monitored all USAID expenditures. Trump's last administration attempted to reduce USAID's budget. This move was rebuffed by Republicans who now remain silent.

Trump's USAID shutdown undermines our national security and global influence that holds back authoritarians from taking over poorer nations. The Trump administration plans to reinstate only 290 out of 14,000 dismissed USAID employees. This shut down imperils millions of lives, thousands of American jobs and billions of US investments in small businesses/farms.

Russia and China can't wait to squash and take over USAID's influence. In the Biden administration's last six months, foreign propaganda campaigns targeted USAID work. Unless Trump's actions are reversed, we will have eroded America's standing and global security.

Elon Musk, a billionaire, has a group of 19 – 25 year-olds supposedly saving government money by shutting down American agencies and firing thousands of US/foreign employees. These erratic, reckless actions damage America's standing in the world and hurt millions in poorer countries depending on our food and medical assistance. .

Saving money requires careful, honest, and thorough review of expenditures by experienced, knowledgeable staff.

We all need to Wake up! Please call your US Congressperson and Senators now and voice your concerns. Demand their intervention to save USAID and our much-needed world-wide humanitarian support.

Kenneth Peterson
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NEWS

Niles man gets prison time for drug trafficking

By DEBRA HAIGHT
Leader Publications Contributor

CASSOPOLIS — A Niles man found guilty of drug trafficking was sentenced to prison Friday in Cass County Circuit Court.

O'Donnell

Heith Bradley O'Donnell, 48, of Woods Edge Drive in Niles, pleaded guilty to two drug charges and two weapon charges and was sentenced to concurrent prison terms of six to 20 years, three to 15 years and one to five years as well as a consecutive two year prison term.

The six year prison term is for delivery/manufacture of 50 to 449 grams cocaine, the three year prison term is for delivery/manufacture of 200 or more marijuana plants and the one year prison term is for possession of a firearm by a prohibited person. The two year consecutive prison term is for use of a weapon in the commission of a felony.

O'Donnell has credit for three days already served and must pay a total of $7,902 in fines and costs. His weapons were also forfeited.

The incident occurred Aug. 10, 2023 when members of the Southwest Michigan Drug Enforcement Team went to O'Donnell's home on Reum Road near Niles as well as another property he owned in Niles Township.

Cass County Circuit Court Judge Mark Herman noted that police found cocaine, marijuana plants and related products, weapons, a 1966 Thunderbird, cell phones, a stolen vehicle and thousands of dollars in cash.

"This has been a waste of an adult life," Cass County Prosecutor Victor Fitz said. "He doesn't have an extremely extensive criminal record but his criminal behavior has impacted not just him but people in his immediate orbit and a large swath of Southwest Michigan."

Fitz noted that O'Donnell's past record includes convictions for resisting police, weapons, battery and distributing marijuana and pointed out the trail of death and destruction associated with drug dealing.

"He was loaded for bear with multiple weapons and cash," Fitz added. "This is not a good lifestyle and it's something we don't want in the community. He has earned a prison sentence and he has no one to blame but himself. "

Defense attorney Daniel Grow said O'Donnell had obviously gone down the wrong path but described him as kind hearted and considerate. "Part of his problem is that he's a buyer and seller of all sorts of things including drugs," he said.

O'Donnell apologized for his actions. "I have no one to blame but myself, I went down the wrong path," he said. "This is not the life I want, I want to do whatever programs I can do in prison."

Judge Herman said that O'Donnell knew the consequences of his actions since he had previously spent time in federal prison for marijuana distribution. He noted that O'Donnell could have faced a minimum prison term of 13 years except for the plea agreement reached between the parties.

"It saved you a considerable amount of time in prison," the judge said. "This will give you the opportunity to get out of prison while you're still in your 50s and not in your 60s. If you go back to your old ways when you get out, it's likely you'll die in prison."

Two area residents received probation sentences while a third was sentenced to jail.

Jeffery Michael Smith, 47, of Colby Street in Dowagiac, pleaded guilty to possession of methamphetamine and was sentenced to 18 months probation, 30 days in jail with credit for six days served and $1,608 in fines and costs. He must perform 20 hours of community service a week until he gets a job.

Smith

The incident occurred May 29, 2024 at a location on East Railroad Street in Dowagiac. Smith's car was stopped by police and a police dog alerted on drugs in the car.

Fitz noted that Smith's record is fairly limited and can be traced back to his drug use. "He needs to realize that what he's doing impacts those around him in his family and community," he said. "It is death and destruction that comes with drugs. If he gets off drugs, I doubt we will see him again."

Smith apologized for his actions. "There's no one to blame but me," he said. "I was in the wrong place, wrong time and with the wrong people. I've taken myself away from the people I was around at the time of my arrest."

"This is your first felony conviction," Judge Herman said. "You had your first conviction in 2022 for use of meth and had your probation revoked. Is this the life you want to pursue? I can assure you, it's not a path you will enjoy ... Most at 43 come to their senses, not lose their senses and start using drugs."

White

Shane Michael White, 32, of Dowagiac, was found guilty of possession of methamphetamine as a habitual offender after a bench trial and was sentenced to two years probation, 300 days in jail with credit for 109 days served and $2,268 in fines and costs. He must perform 20 hours of community service a week until he gets a job.

The incident occurred July 13, 2024 in Dowagiac. Police were called to a residence and found White at a home hiding in a closet along with meth and other items.

"You're 32 years old and have had no regular employment since 2017," the judge said. "Your life's a trainwreck right now. It doesn't seem like you have or had any goals for your life. You're just kind of floating around in life."

Washington

Antonio La-Juan Washington, 42, of Benton Harbor, pleaded guilty to two counts of resisting and obstructing police and was sentenced to 210 days in jail with credit for 34 days served and $1,616 in fines and costs.

The incident occurred Oct. 11, 2024 at Vineyard Place apartments in Dowagiac. Police were called to the complex and handcuffed Washington who then fled and went into another apartment. Washington now has eight felony convictions.

"I've seen a lot of fleeing and eluding and resisting police incidents and I always tell people if they had just cooperated with police, they wouldn't be here," Judge Herman said. "Here, maybe you would have had a disturbing the peace charge. You don't fight with police and get a felony."

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LEVEL 2? WHAT ARE YOU, BABIES? WE HAVE TO FIX THAT. HAND ME THAT BOOK.
THERE. YOU DID A TASK. NOW YOU'RE LEVEL 3. WE'VE GOT A LONG WAY TO GO.
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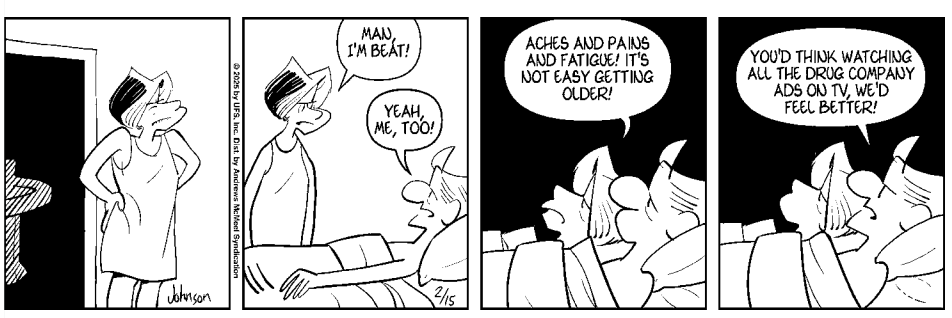
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YEAH, ME, TOO!
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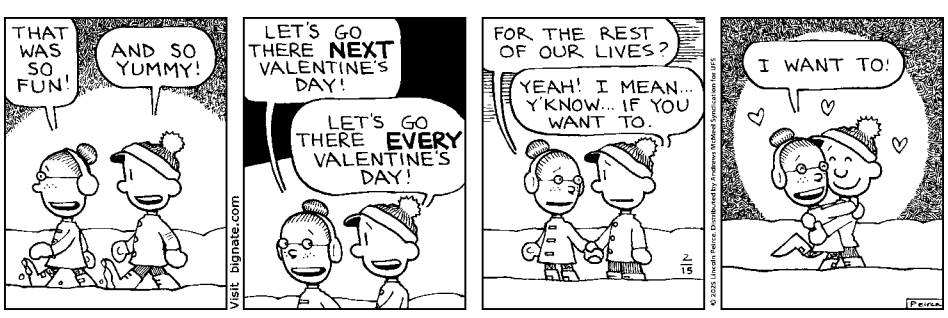
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I'D LIKE THAT, TOO.
REALLY? YOU'D GO TO SPRING TRAINING WITH ME?
ABSOLUTELY! WELL, ONLY FOR THE WEATHER, NOT THE BASEBALL, OF COURSE!
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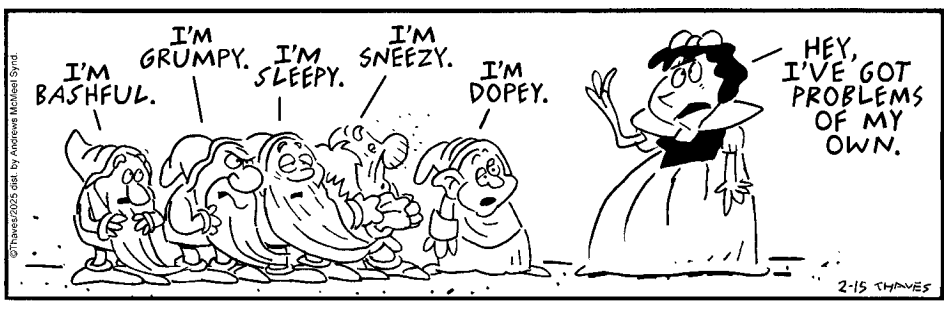

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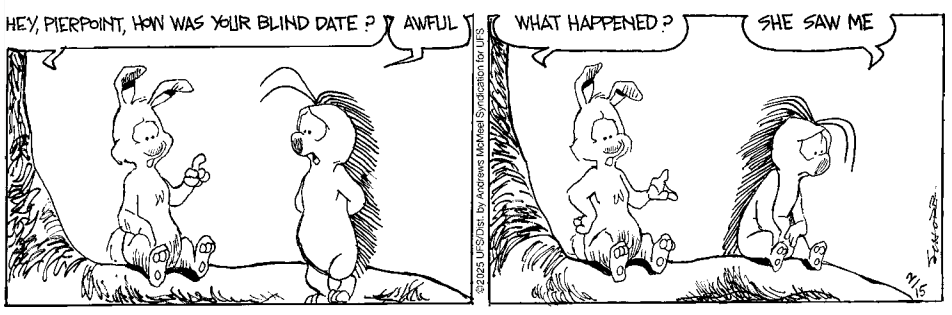
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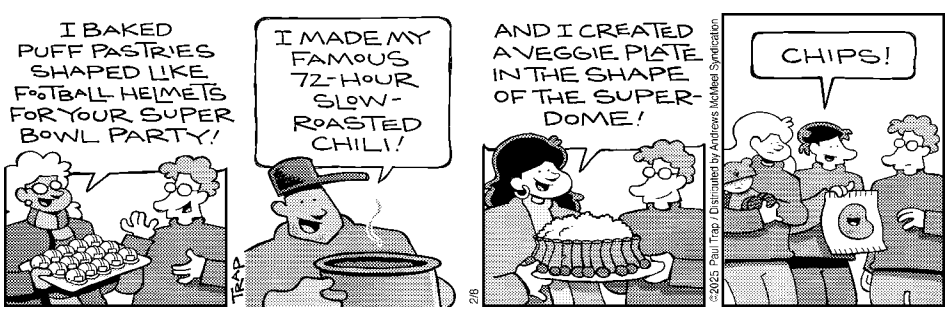
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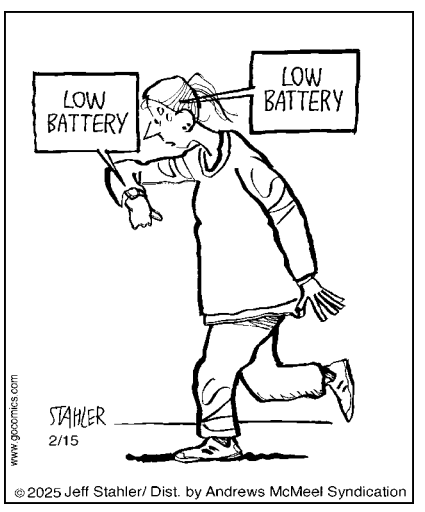

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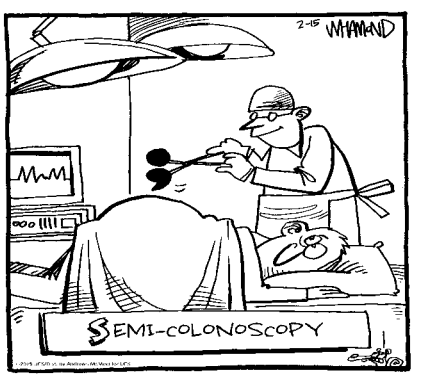

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20 Sudden pain
22 Mongrel
23 — fixe
24 Bring down in rank
27 "Present!"
29 Singer — Stewart
30 Retail event (2 wds.)
34 Uncaring
37 Lass
38 Combo
39 Tempera-mental
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43 Morse code symbol
44 Attractive
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56 Hold off
57 Mal de —
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59 Says further

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5 Pugilist
6 Timetable abbr.
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8 Out of control
9 Do a garden job
10 Suit fabric
11 Lazy
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21 — of March
24 — de Triomphe
25 Big snake
26 Part of speech (Abbr.)
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31 Past
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36 Pie crust pattern
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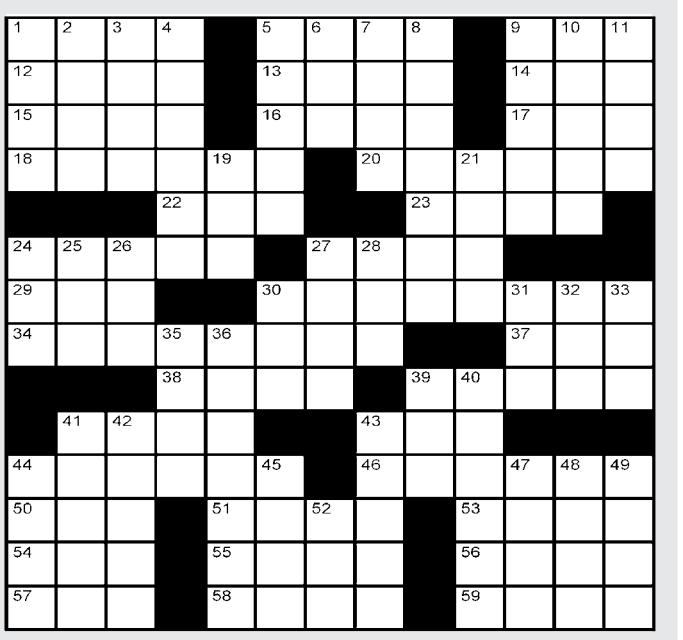

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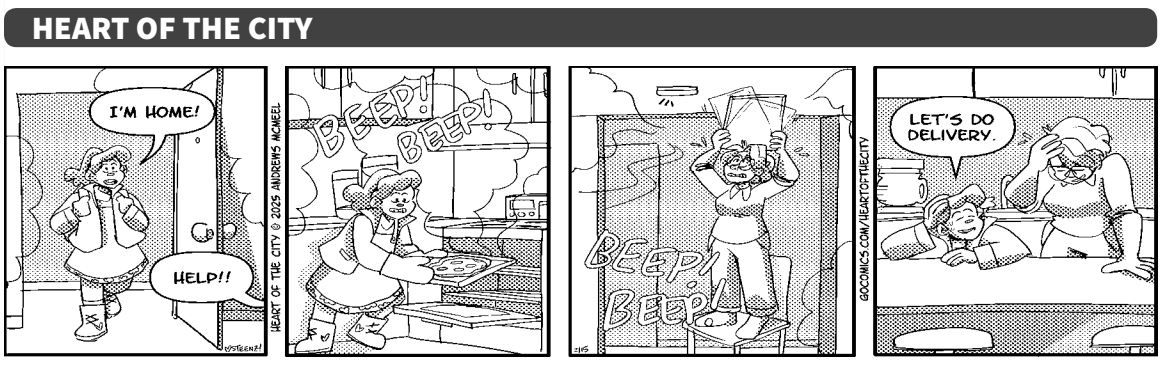


DEATH NOTICES

Susan Weinberg, 61, of Niles, passed away Wednesday, February 05, 2025. Arrangements are pending and have been entrusted to Brown Funeral Home & Cremation Services, of Niles. www.BrownFuneralHomeNiles.com

Robert Mrozek, 58, of Three Oaks, passed away on Monday, February 10, 2025. A funeral service will be held at Brown Funeral Home on February 18, 2025 at 6:00P.M. www.BrownFuneralHomeNiles.com

Kathleen Koehler, 78, passed away on Monday, February 10, 2025, in Michigan City, Indiana. A Service will be held on Tuesday, February 18, 2025, at 6:00pm at Brown Funeral Home.

OBITUARIES

Ann Simmons

July 5, 1935 - January 23, 2025

Ann Simmons, aged 89 years, passed away on Thursday, January 23rd at White Oaks in Lawton, MI.

Ann was born July 5, 1935, in Three Rivers, MI to Oliver Wendell & Alice (Ayers) Holmes. She graduated in 1953 from Marcellus High School. She is preceded in death by her parents Oliver Wendell Homes & Alice C. (Ayers) Holmes, daughter Debra Ann, daughter-in-law Susan (Gorham) Simmons, brother Gary (Mike) Holmes, sister-in-law Kay Holmes & sister Charlotte Hyman.

Surviving are her 2 children, Douglas (Leigh Ann) Simmons of Marcellus and Wendell Simmons of Cassopolis; 4 grandchildren, Brian (Jessica) Simmons, Seth (Kamilah) Simmons, Kara (Dan) Lewis and Tyler Simmons; 5 great-grandchildren, Cameron, Evelyn, Arlo, Sullivan and Komi as well as nephews & nieces.

For 35 1/2 years, Ann worked for the County of Cass, starting out in the Juvenile office of the Probate Court. She then moved to the clerk's office 4 years later. In 1984, she was elected county clerk. In 1992 she was elected as County Clerk/Register, a position she very much enjoyed and held for 12 years. She retired as County Clerk/Register in December of 2004.

In 2006 Ann moved from Cassopolis, MI back to her hometown of Marcellus, MI. She became very active in the Marcellus Community Food Panty and the Marcellus Village Council as well as the MAESA Board. Ann was appointed, then elected to the Lewis Cass Intermediate School Board, serving as secretary, then Vice chairman until her retirement in 2012. Ann also volunteered at the Dowagiac Dogwood for several years and at the Marcellus Elementary school for 2 years. She was a member of the Marcellus Methodist Church.

Ann enjoyed collecting coins as well as beer steins. She loved playing bridge with her friends and family & doing word puzzles. Ann enjoyed collecting chicken themed decorations for her kitchen & going to garage sales. Her greatest joy in life was spending time with her family.

The family is planning to have a celebration of Ann's life at Marcellus VFW on May 17th at 2:00pm.

Those wishing to make a memorial donation are asked to consider Marcellus Fire & Ambulance Services.

Philip Potter

January 5, 1960 - February 6, 2025

Philip Earl Potter, age 65 years of Berrien Springs, Michigan; husband, father, grandfather, brother, trucker, technology fan, and devout Adventist died peacefully Thursday morning, February 6, 2025 at the Duane L. Waters Hospital in Jackson, Michigan following a months-long battle against cancer.

He was born on January 5, 1960 in Mansfield, Ohio to Earl Amos and Mary Louise (Chavannes) Potter, and attended Andrews Academy in Berrien Springs. He continued his education at Andrews University, focusing on Mechanical Drafting, but was truly a lifelong student, learning something new every day, keeping-up with the latest in electronics, and finding contemporary relevance in the ancient scriptures of daily Bible study.

He was employed at Dalson Enterprises of Buchanan, Michigan, driving oversize truckloads of pre-manufactured trusses and rafters for delivery to construction sites. He had previously been employed at Davidson Industries of Commerce City, Colorado, transporting pre-manufactured mobile offices. While he was skilled at safely operating these over-dimensional rigs, his preferred mode of transportation was the motorcycle, although he often extended the dimensions of the motorcycle, always ready to load on and tie down to the back of the motorcycle a fortuitous roadside find, including once a La-Z-Boy recliner!

Phil was raised in an Adventist home, and was a member of the Pioneer Memorial Church on the campus of Andrews University. He volunteered at PMC as a Sabbath morning sound technician for twenty years, and with the Neighbor-to-Neighbor ministries, and with the Pioneer Evergreen Pathfinder Club. At The Old Rugged Cross Church in Pokagon, Michigan, Phil designed and installed the sound system in the meditation garden which plays the hymn only when guests are present. He also volunteered with prison ministries, gaining official recognition for an Adventist Christian organization, allowing for weekly Bible Studies and Chapel services.

In addition to motorcycling, he enjoyed camping and SCUBA diving, was a member of the Howard Township Conservation Club where he participated in firearm sports, and volunteered at the Berrien County Youth Fair in the Seventh-day Adventist Health Tent. He was a licensed amateur radio operator (N8WMK "West Michigan Kid") along with his wife, Betty (KB8SVE) and participated in the National Weather Service SKYWARN® Storm Spotter Program. His interest and proficiency with electronics allowed him to help friends with electronics challenges, being equally comfortable with replacing tubes, transistors, and chips. He also participated in Locks of Love, growing his hair long enough to donate, to help children suffering from medical hair loss.

Phil was a skilled blacksmith, heating the forge, and swinging his hammer at red-hot iron on the anvil. He enjoyed demonstrating and teaching at the History Center at Courthouse Square in Berrien Springs. He also set-up his forge for the annual Berrien Springs "Kindle Your Christmas Spirit", and for the village scene of PMC's annual Passion Walk. Another historical skill was rope work and knot tying, which he could successfully complete behind his back. He shared and taught blacksmithing and knot tying to the Pathfinders, and to his grandson's Cub Scout troop. He was always ready to help-out with any need of his children and grandchildren.

On January 9, 1994 at Pioneer Memorial Church he married the former Marian Betty Bridges with whom he celebrated the thirty-first anniversary of their wedding. They were sadly preceded in death by a 7-month-old grandson, Rowan Matthew Bridges who died on January 8, 2016. Phil was also preceded in death by his parents.

Surviving family includes his wife, Betty Bridges-Potter and their children, Samantha (& Adam) Meyer of Niles and Richard Bridges of Buchanan; grandchildren Katriana Meyer, Brenden Meyer, and Aiden Bridges; Phil's siblings, Laura (& Tom) Weidner of Benton Harbor, Tim Potter of Benton Harbor, and Alice Mary Potter of Berkley, Michigan, and many nieces and nephews.

The funeral service for Philip Potter will be at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 16, 2025 at the Halbritter-Wickens Funeral Home, 615 East Main Street in Niles, Michigan with Pastor Skip MacCarty officiating. His family will receive relatives and friends on Sunday at the funeral home beginning at 2:00 p.m. Committal will be private, on Monday, at Mission Hills.

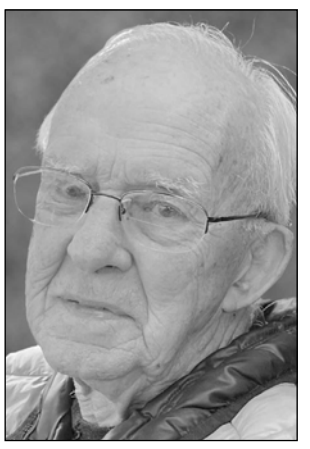
Contributions in memory of Phil may be made to The Old Rugged Cross Foundation, Post Office Box 41, Niles, Michigan 49120, https://the-oldruggedcross.org/. Memories and condolences may be left at: www.halbritterwickens.com

Phil loved life, enjoying all that he saw whether driving a truck or a motorcycle, fascinated by opening a computer to see what's inside, and visiting with every person who he met. He was also devoted to daily Bible readings, and to the Adventist faith; all fulfilling the command to love God and love people.

Shirley Kavanaugh

July 13, 1943 - February 8, 2025

Shirley Charlotte (Hensley) Kavanaugh, 81, of Dowagiac, passed away peacefully on Saturday, February 8, 2025 at Hanson Hospice in Stevensville. A Celebration of Life Service will be held on Thursday, February 13, 2025, at 6 PM at Starks & Menchinger Chapel, 2650 Niles Rd., St. Joseph, with Rev. Tom Bird officiating. Friends may visit prior to the service from 4 P.M. - 6 P.M. A private burial at Indian Lake Cemetery in Dowagiac will take place later. Memorials in Shirley's name may be made to Hanson Hospice Center or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Those wishing to sign Shirley's Memory Book online may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com. Shirley was born July 13, 1943 in Dowagiac to Paul and Ericka "Betty" (Doberstein) Hensley. Her greatest joy and accomplishment were her three children, Brenda, Mike and Deb. A compassionate soul, Shirley was a stay-at-home mom who dedicated her life to raising her children and helping care for many others in the neighborhood. Her kindness extended beyond her home, as she loved to donate to various charities and gave what she could to help others. Shirley's loving spirit, selflessness, and devotion to her family and community will be remembered by all who knew her. She will be greatly missed but forever cherished in the hearts of those who loved her. Shirley is survived by her children Brenda (Joe) Yenchus, Mike Kavanaugh and Deb (Randy) Frank; grandchildren Brandon & Zack Yenchus and Jace & Sophia Frank; brother Al Doberstein and cousin Linda Wanberg. She was preceded in death by her parents and brother Paul Hensley Jr.



Herman Black

January 10, 1934 - February 8, 2025

Herman L. Black, 91, of Dowagiac, passed away early Saturday morning, February 8, 2025 at The Timbers of Cass County in Dowagiac.

He was born on January 10, 1934, in Bradford, Arkansas, the son of the late Lee and Erna (Rice) Black. Herman was employed by Judd Lumber in Dowagiac for many years until his retirement.

Surviving are his wife - Patsy (Raas) Black; two children - Craig (Pam) Black and Sheryl (Bruce) Meiser; five grandchildren - Kyleigh (Nate) Kramb, Tony Black, Ben (Tiffany Barrett) Meiser, Jamie Meiser and Taylor (Rocky) Boswell; ten great-grandchildren - Tessa, Tate, Collin, Kassidy, Mason, Zander, Zoey, Rocky, Ryker and Layne; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death were his parents and nine siblings - Gladys, Claude, Carl, Evelyn, Norman, Odel, Erna V, Vivan, and Thomas Fletcher.

Honoring Herman's wishes, cremation has taken place and there will be no public visitation or services as of this time. Arrangements were entrusted to Clark Chapel - Starks Family Funeral Homes, Dowagiac.

Please visit Herman's personalized webpage to share a memory or leave a condolence to his family at www.clarkch.com.

Sharon A. Sims

May 20, 1957 - February 4, 2025

Sharon A. Sims May 20, 1957 - February 4, 2025

Sharon was born in Chicago, Illinois in 1957 to Robert Sr. and Vivian Reed, the youngest of her siblings Robert "Butch" and Dora "Penny". Precocious (smart beyond her years) and mischievous (bad to the bone) were words that could describe Sharon as a child. Through community connections that her mother had she was able to attend Holy Family Catholic Schools.

There were key moments in her adolescence that stood out. Sharon accepted Christ as her personal Savior and, along with her mother and sister, joined Christ Tabernacle All Nations Apostolic Church In 1970 after the birth of her nephew.

On July 31, 1973, Sharon was injured in a car accident that claimed the lives of six loved ones and left Sharon with a rod in her arm. Later that same year her mother moved Sharon along with seventeen other young people whose parents died in that accident to Cassopolis, Michgian. Sharon attended Cassopolis High School where she excelled academically, studied bookkeeping and keypunch at Elkhart Career Center and graduated in 1975. Her studies prepared her for a position in the accounting department of The Selmer Company after high school.

Sharon met Michael Sims in 1970 at Christ Tabernacle. They were friends who shared the bond of faith and family. As they grew older and finished high school this friendship became more and the two were married on August 25, 1979 at Mt. Zion Community Chapel. Sharon and Mike started a family of their own, and Robert, Jason and Keli were the light of their lives.

They built a life and a family together, moving from Michigan to Ohio, from Ohio to Pelham, Alabama, and finally back to Cassopolis. Sharon's favorite role was that of a grandparent. She treasured her time with their grandkids and loved being their grandma, never failing to slip a story in about how incredible Jason, Jada, Jayden, Jasmine, Kennedi and Nathan are.

Mike and Sharon were active members of Christ Tabernacle. In her early years she sang in the choir - "Going Up Yonder" was a favorite. Later she became one of the choir directors and served as a missionary. In her later years she devoted her time and energy to Bible study, teaching Sunday School and prayer.

Sharon worked in retail for many years. Notably she was a bookkeeper for Walgreens. She ended her employment career as an advocate for victims of domestic violence.

Everyone who knew Sharon knew how much she loved to bake and crochet and she was highly skilled at both. At each family or church gathering, everyone looked forward to her Hero Loaf, Amish Friendship Bread, cakes, and cookies. In addition to her gift of baking, each new baby in the family received a handmade afghan.

Sharon will always be remembered for her quick wit and somewhat twisted sense of humor and the way that she tried to find a way to encourage those around her. Her family will always imagine hearing her laugh one more time and will miss her every day. Her memory will live on in the hearts of all those who loved her.

Sharon was preceded in death by her parents, Robert and Vivian Reed; father in law Robert Roberson; brothers and sisters in love Betty, Eddie, Gabe, Tommie, Bobby and Michelle.

Sharon is survived by her husband of forty-six years Michael Sims, her children Robert Sims, Jason (Melanie) Sims and Keli (Patrick) Winn; her grandchildren Jason, Jada, Jayden, Jasmine, Kennedi and Nathan; her brother Robert (Rita) Reed; and sister Dora "Penny" (Dan) Moore; sisters in law Shirley and Doris; special sisters Charletha and Trazena; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, church family and special friends.

Family and friends will gather Friday, February 14, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. for a service in Christ Tabernacle All Nations Apostolic Church, 66100 Tharp Lake Road, Cassopolis, with inurnment to follow in Calvin Center Cemetery.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Wagner Family Funerals Connelly Chapel, Cassopolis. Please share a memory or a message online: wagnercares.com.

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PWA to host annual Salad Smorgasbord, Style Show

COMMUNITY REPORT

EDWARDSBURG — The Presbyterian Women's Association's 51st annual Salad Smorgasbord and Style Show is just around the corner.

The event will be hosted at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 20 the Edwardsburg High School gymnasium. Tickets go on sale Sunday, Feb. 16th in the Fellowship Hall of the Presbyterian Church right after Church service. The ticket price is $10, and the theme is "In a Garden of Friends, Happiness Grows."

Guests are asked to arrive at 6 p.m. Door prizes will be given during the evening and quilt tickets can be purchased in advance or purchase them at this event. The event has long been a main attraction for ladies within the community to enjoy a variety of salads and to socialize with friends.

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DEBATE

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Education announced that it was keeping its nickname "Chieftains" and its logo, despite requests from the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians to remove both. In October 2023, the Pokago Band Tribal Council sent a letter to the Dowagiac Union Schools Board rescinding the joint resolution from 1990, which had involved the creation of a new logo by tribal citizen Ron Mix to better represent a Pokagon Band member and created programs to educate students and the public about the history of the tribe.

"This is about kids. It's only about kids," Wesaw told the school board Monday. "I've been involved in a number of these issues around the state and have been invited to participate in a lot of them to give the native perspective on what this does. I know it's going to be difficult to make the change. I know you will take some heat from the voters. I know you may be in a position where you like what you're doing and you don't want to get voted out of office, but one of your main responsibilities is to create the safest, best learning environment for the students that are here. Not just the majority, all students. If you've got one student who's negatively impacted, you need to look at that."

The letter stated that several organizations, including the Representations Outreach Board, had requested that the school district discontinue the use of the nickname and logo. The Outreach Board felt it was important to nullify the 1990 agreement as it was not being followed. According to the tribe, there were several different logos being used by the school system other than the logo designed by Ron Mix, which was approved in the 1990 agreement as a better representation of a Pokagon Band member.

"I know there's been agreements over the years with the tribal councils supporting the logo," Wesaw said. "Nobody thinks any of this was done to be disrespectful. It was all well-intentioned, but times change and I think research shows that time has changed. So I would just strongly encourage you to put together the process, whatever it may be, to look at coming up with something different."

Monday's meeting was the latest response in a decades-long conversation about the school's moniker, though the Band's position on the topic has changed over the years.

The Pokagon Band Tribal Council formally adopted a resolution in March 2021 condemning the use of Native American imagery by non-native organizations. Dowagiac Union Schools are located on the homeland of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi.

Many tribes and organizations within the state of Michigan and across the United States have resolutions that condemn and call for ending the use of Native American logos, mascots and nicknames including the Michigan Board of Education, the Michigan Department of Civil Rights, United Tribes of Michigan (which comprise the 12 federally recognized tribes in the state), the Michigan Coalition Against Racism in Sports and Media, and the National Congress of American Indians.

Wesaw, Keene and Stone said that studies on the damaging effects Native American mascots have on indigenous children, including a resolution by the American Psychological Association, which calls for the end of their use.

To date, several school districts in the state of Michigan have retired their Native American logos, mascots, and nicknames, following consultation with Native American Tribes. In 2022, the Native American Heritage Fund announced funding to four Michigan school districts to assist with the cost of replacing their mascots, including Saranac Community Schools, Hartford Public Schools, Lansing School District, and the Chippewa Hills School District.

"We're not blaming you for this mascot," Keene added. "We know it happened a long time ago, but we also know that when we know better, we need to do better. And the schools that have changed, they move forward, they never look back and they're making history. They have a pride in making that history and you have the opportunity to make history... I know people like to say, 'we're honoring you.' We don't want false honor. 'Well, it's a tradition.' Well, there are a lot of traditions that were around not all that long ago that we have since done away with and we don't want to bring them back."

Community feedback

Several community members expressed their thoughts regarding the Chieftains' name and logo.

The public comment period was at the end of the meeting after the discussion items. During Monday's meeting, 10 public comments were taken, with opinions on the matter roughly split down the middle.

Some speakers argued that it was time to move on from the district's use of Indigenous names and imagery.

"The national trend is away from racial mascots. Imagine using another ethnicity's culture for the school's good luck charm," said Pokagon Band Citizen Julie Dye. "What would that look like and how would it be received? Change is long overdue, and I understand nostalgia, I understand your childhood memories. Nobody's trying to take those away, nobody's trying to take your cheerleading outfits or your athletic letters. But that's in the past. Our children and our grandchildren deserve better.

"I don't quite understand this grasp on in the ownership of this mascot that is our culture."

"As a white guy, I don't think you should walk around and feel shame because you graduated with a mascot that had a Chieftain logo on it. But I think it's also important to recognize that schools evolve and schools change," said Dowagiac resident Gerik Nastrom. "They get new cafeterias, they get new auditoriums, new classrooms and sometimes teachers get pay raises. Remember that change is fine, and you don't have to feel shame because something was changed. You can take pride in your local community and your local school and what really matters is the kids that are here getting the best education they can possibly get here at Dowagiac schools."

Other speakers were against making a change, citing the Chieftains name and imagery being part of the fabric of the community.

"I had served in 1990 on our tribal council. I was in the past vice chair, treasurer secretary, member at-large and our elders rep and I have been elders council chair since 2019," said Pokagon Band Citizen Judy Winchester. "I have talked to a few elders, and many are afraid to come out publicly and agree or disagree with our own individuals."

"I was born and raised in Dowagiac. I went to the school system all my life. My mom and dad were born here, our kids went from the school building my whole life. I did sports and did all kinds of academic things in the school itself and I object to changing the logo," said Dowagiac resident John Valdes. "I think the logo was great. We have several friends that are black, we have several Spanish friends, there's nothing wrong with the logo at all. In fact, the [Potawatomi] came up with the logo themselves and I thought it was great. All the time we were going through school, we were proud of the logo. We thought it was great, and I don't know what would be next. Are they going to change the name of the town? It's a Potawatomi town. You can go on and on and on and eliminate everything. What are you gonna go to next?"

Mike Winchester, a 1968 graduate of Dowagiac Union High School and Pokagon Band member, expressed his desire to see the district continue to use Chieftains name and logo during public comment.

"I'm kind of disappointed that the Pokagon chairman and the two other people didn't stick around because they needed to hear the public comments," he said. "I don't think they're into listening to what we have to say. I've talked to tribal council meetings and what it boils down to is there's no wiggle room. They want everything gone. That struck me as really bad – when you start suppressing history, that's not a good thing. Our old leaders, they didn't get paid, they were fighting for our lives to keep us here in Southwestern Michigan. We should embrace what's here, especially when there's people from out of town coming in here and telling us what to do."

Winchester's uncle, Joe Winchester, was the tribal chair of the Pokagon Band when the tribe and the school district reached an agreement on the current logo in 1990. The previous logo depicted a Native American wearing a traditional, full headdress. When Joe Winchester informed then-DUS Superintendent Larry Crandall that the logo did not depict a Pokagon Potawatomi Indian, the school district turned over the logo to the tribe, and artist Ron Mix, to redesign the logo to better represent a Pokagon Band member. The logo that the tribe came back with, featuring the likeness of the late Clarence White, is the logo that is still used today.

Winchester hopes the Tribal Council will take input from the tribe as a whole into consideration.

"I really think there should be some kind of a discussion," he said. "When you negotiate with unions you always get everything on the table. There's an image and a logo, right? Well, what if they wanted to respectfully retire that in the name of (Clarence White) being such a good guy? That's something they could look at. That's really something that could be thought about."

With the joint resolution now rescinded, Winchester hopes to see a future where the history of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi is once again taught in district classrooms.

"[The tribal council] rescinded the 1990 agreement," he said. "The agreement should have been monitored annually. Basically, a whole generation of students have not learned the history of the tribe. That's on the whole community. It's kind of a tough pill to swallow and how do you make up for this? It's going to be tough. It's really going to be tough."

OBITUARIES

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Albert Grady, Jr.

September 7, 1930 - February 7, 2025

Albert "Boonie" Grady, Jr., 94, of Cassopolis, died peacefully, early Friday morning, February 7, 2025, in the comfort of his family's presence. His life began September 7, 1930 in Dowagiac, the first of two children born to Albert Grady Sr. and Genevieve Peavy.

Boonie graduated from Dowagiac Union High School in 1949. He served in the United States Army as a military police officer from 1952-1954. He retired from Clarks Equipment in Benton Harbor after twenty-eight years, where he worked as a welder and a supervisor. Boonie loved to spend his time outdoors hunting, fishing and gardening. He was an avid gun collector and a master at yard sales, where he could really stretch a dollar. In 2002 he purchased a cottage in Baldwin Michigan where he enjoyed spending time in the summer until a momma bear spooked him. You could often find Boonie sitting with his group of friends at McDonalds in Cassopolis.

Albert will be greatly missed by family and friends. He is survived by daughters, Cathy (Larry) Ash of Plainwell, Vicki (Earl) Richardson of Kalamazoo, Tracy Huddleston of Benton Harbor; eighteen grandchildren; twenty-seven great grandchildren and eight great-great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, his sons, Jimmy and Danny Grady; sister, Barbara Evans; grandsons, Earl Richardson II and Charles Ray Johnson.

Family and friends will gather Saturday, February 15, 2025 from 10 a.m. until time of service at 11:00 a.m. in Wagner Family Funerals Connelly Chapel, 202 North Broadway Street, Cassopolis. He will be laid to rest in Riverside Cemetery in Dowagiac.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Wagner Family Funerals Connelly Chapel, Cassopolis. Please share a memory or a message online: wagnercares.com.

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Success of IUSB Historical Black Michigan Tour reveals potential for more

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SOUTH BEND, Ind. — Dr. Theo Randall, associate professor of Anthropology, teamed up in April 2023 with Verge Gillam, the highly accomplished local activist better known by his nickname Brother Sage, to host a tour of historical sites in Michigan, with an emphasis on places of import for the Underground Railroad.

The participants for the bus trip included undergraduates, faculty, staff and community members. The itinerary took them first to Cassopolis and then further on to Marcellus, Schoolcraft, and Battle Creek.

In Cassopolis, the group stopped at the Sanctuary and Deliverance mural, a large, four-panel depiction of the events of the 1847 Kentucky Raid. The mural was conceived by local artist Ruth Andrews, and it was painted by Andrews and a team of volunteers in 2010. It sets four scenes from a scenario in which slave catchers from Kentucky attempted to reclaim nine African Americans who had escaped captivity.

"The citizens of Cassopolis told the slave catchers that they needed the proper permit – a bill of sale, really – in order to obtain the escaped slaves," Randall says. The magistrate ruled in favor of the nine men, which was a rare court victory for the era. By the time the slave catchers returned, the freedom seekers had moved via the Underground Railroad to safe havens in Schoolcraft, Battle Creek, and finally Canada.

"The mural is there because in Cassopolis they are quite proud of that," Randall says.

Another Underground Railroad site was the Bonine House, named for the Quaker and abolitionist James E. Bonine.

"The house is on a hill, so you can see for a great distance," Randall says. "We could see how it would make a good surveillance spot."

Although she traveled to many states, Sojourner Truth maintained houses in Harmonia and Battle Creek for the final decades of her life, encompassing the years 1857 to 1883. A 12-foot bronze statue commemorates Sojourner Truth in the city's monument park.

Another highlight was Chain Lake Missionary Baptist Church, once the headquarters of the Michigan Anti-Slavery Baptist Association. Booker T. Washington was among the many distinguished orators who spoke there.

The bus was filled with young people learning about much of this information for the first time, but also noteworthy members of the South Bend community. Brother Sage's numerous contributions over the years earned him the 2023 African American Legacy Award from the History Museum. Also in attendance were Charlotte Pfeifer-Gillam, a dedicated humanitarian and recipient of IU South Bend's Distinguished Alumni Award in 2022, and Regina Williams-Preston, longtime South Bend Common Council member and currently with the University of Notre Dame's Institute for Social Concerns.

The Michigan trip was designed so that the bus would be back in South Bend before dark, but Randall says that with proper funding, even overnight trips could be offered in the future. There are many more sites in Michigan, and Randall envisions similar excursions to areas around Detroit, Indianapolis, Chicago and Springfield, Ill.

"We could do something like this every year – even twice a year – and we could take it further still," Randall says. "All it takes is getting the funding."

To suggest ideas for future trips or for further information, contact Professor Randall at thrandal@iu.edu or contact the Black Student Union at titanatlas.iusb.edu/organization/blackstudentunion.

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of Elon Musk and the Department of Government Efficiency.

"We've been calling our Congressmen, we've been calling our Senators but we have to do more than that," said Naomi Ludman of Dowagiac. "We've got to help raise public awareness and give people the opportunity to really speak out. Musk was not elected – when our elected senators and congressmen go to the treasury or USAID, they're blocked from entering these buildings that are built and run by taxpayer money. You don't block elected officials from entering a government building."

The demonstration in Niles was one of several that took place throughout the state on Monday. Ludman said a letter written on behalf of concerned Congressional District 5 Constituents was sent to Walberg's office. Walberg was on his way to Washington D.C. at the time of the demonstration and declined to comment.

"This is offensive and unconstitutional and Congressman Walberg was elected by the people of the fifth district," Ludman said. "This is not a partisan issue – we have a two-party system but this is a system of laws."

PRESIDENT

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Campus Life and Special Assistant to the President for Strategic Initiatives before assuming his current role in May 2024.

Jerdon said, "Brent has been an exceptional executive at SMC for nearly 17 years and has worked very closely with President Emeritus David Mathews and Dr. Odenwald in the day-to-day operations of the college. The Board is confident in his ability to lead as interim president."

The Board of Trustees will next gather at their regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 12, at 8 a.m. on the Dowagiac campus.

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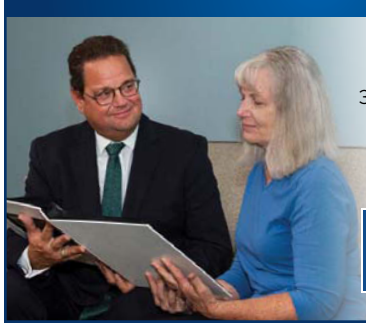
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WRESTLING

Niles' Rucker, Dowagiac's Chapman win wrestling district titles

COMMUNITY REPORT

SOUTHWEST MICHIGAN — A pair of local wrestlers are heading to the regional tournament after winning individual district championships Saturday.

Sam Rucker of Niles and Cal Chapman of Dowagiac won individual district wrestling titles Saturday. Rucker (30-1) won the 175-pound weight class in the Division 2 district at Lakeshore and Chapman (33-2) captured the 285 title in the Division 3 meet at Dowagiac.

A total of 12 area wrestlers qualified for this Saturday's individual regionals.

DIVISION 2
At Stevensville
Championship Finals

106: Tyler Cooper (Plainwell) d. Dylan Nieuwenhuis (Plainwell) 6-5; 113: Marcus Lowry (St. Joseph) d. Sawyer Stephenson (Vicksburg) 4-1 (OT); 120: Chase Morrison (Hamilton) m.d. over Noah Dahlke (St. Joseph) 10-2; 126: Brady Baker (Lakeshore) m.d. over Jak Monroe (Three Rivers) 9-1; 132: Joelan Coyer (Lakeshore) p. Gaven Babcock (Three Rivers) 5:21; 138: Malachi Kapenga (Hamilton) d. Austin Gyorkos (Plainwell) 6-4; 144: Bryce Morrison (Hamilton) p. Ayden Keller (Three Rivers) 3:17.

150: Lane Button (Wayland) t.f. over Landon Moreland (Three Rivers) 21-5; 157: Jacob Chase (Hamilton) d. Lane Blanchard (Otsego) 5-3; 165: Braylon Faile (Three Rivers) t.f. over Riley Halverson (St. Joseph) 15-0; 175: **Samuel Rucker (Niles)** d. Louis Smith (Three Rivers) 8-2; 190: Kole Engleright (Otsego) t.f. over Trent Sikkema (Wayland) 17-2;

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Niles' Maddison Ward earned her third district title Sunday at Dowagiac Union high School.

Niles' Ward repeats as district champion

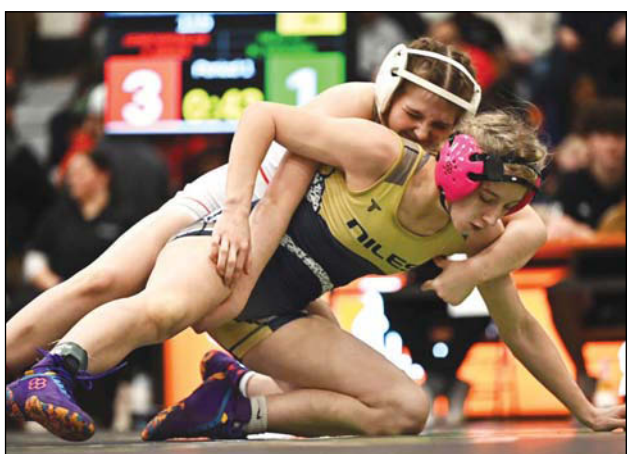
COMMUNITY REPORT

DOWAGIAC — Defending state champion Maddison Ward rolled to an easy district championship Sunday.

Ward won a state 170-pound title last year for Brandywine. She transferred to Niles this season and ran her record to 24-0 in three straight district wins at 155 pounds. Ward drew a bye, then pinning Harmony Wethington of Portage Northern, earned a technical fall 20-4 decision over Emma Hartline of Hartford and finally pinning Mattawan's Shylah Twyman in the title match.

Buchanan's Kadence Ashe (20-4) was the other area winner Sunday with three straight pins at 135 pounds.

Three other area wrestlers placed with Dowagiac's Cinthia Villegas (25-6) ending second at 145 pounds, and Dowagiac's Alexandra Jijon (11-12) and Niles' Kloe Kiggins (24-7) taking fourth at 110 and 115 pounds, respectively.



Niles' Kloe Kiggins took fourth place at 115 pounds Sunday.

A SEASON OF GROWTH

Dowagiac wrestling falls to Allegan 65-18 in regional finals

By SCOTT HASSINGER
Leader Publications Contributor
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DOWAGIAC — Injuries and adversity have not deterred the Dowagiac wrestling team from maintaining its high standard of excellence on the mat this season.

Colin Burandt's Chieftains (9-5) overcame the two obstacles and reached the team regional finals for the eighth consecutive season before losing 65-18 to Allegan Wednesday in the Division 3 regional tournament at Constantine.

With 11 of 14 varsity starters returning next season and an influx of talent moving up from the middle school program, Dowagiac's future looks very bright.

"Our program standard is to reach this point of the tournament every year. It's been a pretty good season, especially with how young a team we are and with all the injuries and adversity these kids have gone through. I don't think we ever wrestled one meet this season with a complete lineup. Every week we had someone going down with an injury. but these kids fought through it with the next man up mentality. It didn't matter if they were a senior or first-year wrestler, they kept working hard to reach higher goals," Burandt said.

"We had a lot of freshmen and sophomores who broke the lineup for the first time who had never made it this far. Hopefully the experience they went through lights a fire within them. We have some good eighth graders moving up who will be able to fill in some of the holes we must fill."

Dowagiac was able to slip past an up-and-coming Coloma program 42-37 in the semifinals and get a crack at No. 4-ranked Allegan. Allegan beat state powerhouse Constantine with a 33-30 win in the other semifinal.

Alfonso Williams (138) from

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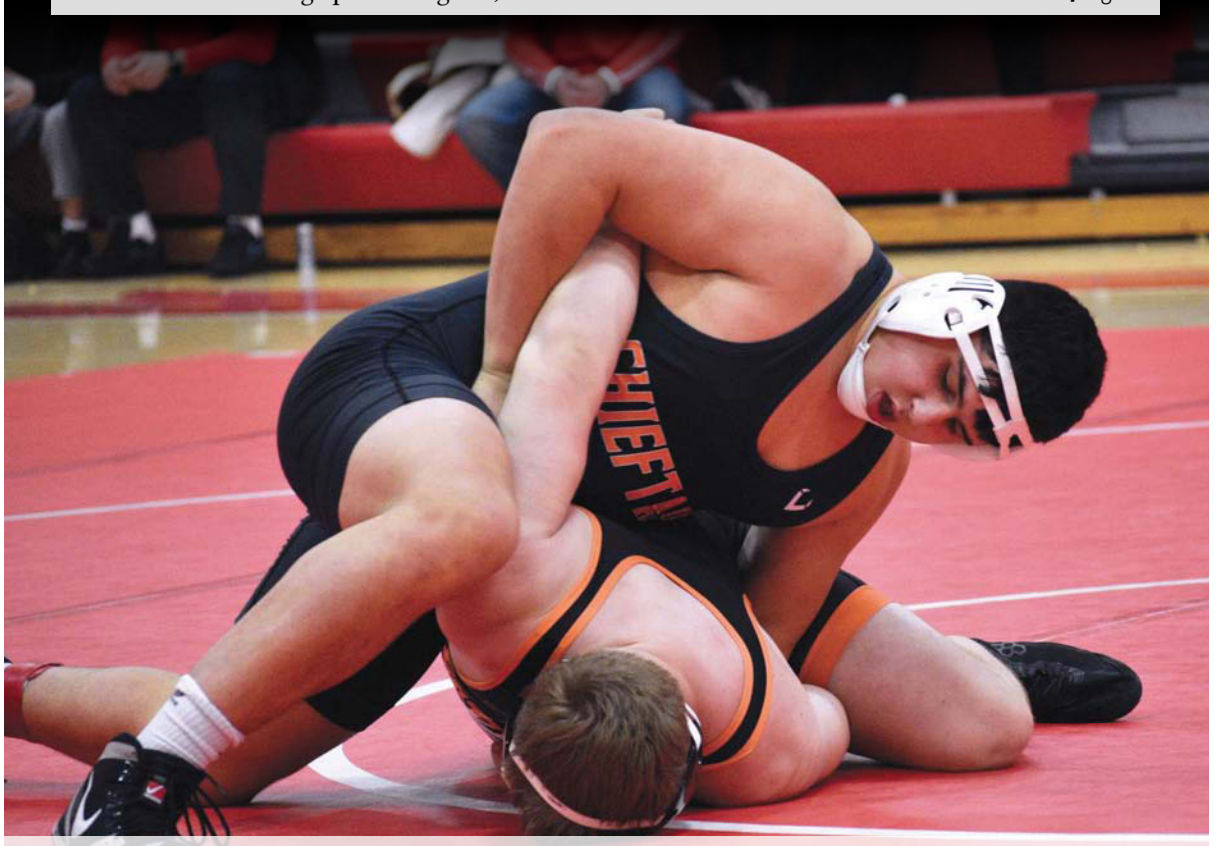

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Dowagiac's Hayden Groth gets in position for a pin against Allegan's Sylar Bush at 215 in the regional team championship match.

BASKETBALL

Cassopolis boys hoops falls 58-33 to Marcellus

By SCOTT HASSINGER
Leader Publications Contributor

MARCELLUS — With the postseason creeping up, the Cassopolis boys basketball team entered Tuesday's Southwest 10 Conference game at Marcellus feeling confident and riding a three-game winning streak.

The Rangers and head coach Charles Superczynski II were also looking for a season sweep of Marcellus after posting a 60-52 win in early January.

But a rapidly improving Marcellus team disrupted the Rangers' momentum by handing them a convincing 58-33 loss.

The loss drops Cassopolis to 9-5 in the Southwest 10 for fourth place and 11-6 overall. Marcellus, now 9-9 overall, is now lodged in a fifth-place tie with Bloomingdale at 7-8 in the conference.

The loss was a very frustrating one for Superczynski and his young Rangers' roster that includes no seniors, five juniors, four sophomores and five freshmen.

"Tonight we were very selfish amongst ourselves with the basketball. I felt like there was a cancer flowing within our game and it sure showed. My hats off to Marcellus though because they clogged the paint and played great defense,"

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Sophomore center Aarenn Buck-Hooper (11) tries to drive around Marcellus defender Yona Goodlow (30).

WRESTLING

Andrina named MCCAA Wrestler of the Year

COMMUNITY REPORT

DOWAGIAC — SMC sophomore and former Edwardsburg standout Nathan Andrina was named MCCAA Wrestler of the Year after winning the 184-lb. weight class at the conference championships Sunday, Feb. 9.

Andrina, who was honored as MCCAA Wrestler of the Week twice earlier this season, is currently ranked No. 10 in the nation in his class with a season record of 25-4. He defeated Christian Byrne of Henry Ford College in a 7-2 decision, helping his team win a third-straight MCCAA team championship in as many years.

Andrina and the Roadrunners will next hit the mat on Feb. 23 at the Great Lakes District meet in Palatine, Illinois.

DAILY DATA

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 12

TEAM WRESTLING REGIONAL
At Constantine
Semifinal
DOWAGIAC 42, COLOMA 37
138: Jay Christe (C) d. Alfonzo Williams (D) 17-13; 144: Cinthia Villegas (D) won by forfeit; 150: Cameron White (D) won by forfeit; 157: Carson Coble (D) t.f. over Weski Wesaw (D) 21-5; 165: Ryan Cardwell (D) won by forfeit; 175: Zacorious Tanner (C) p. Maverick Baerg (D) 1:06; 190: Joe Clayton (C) p. Joseph Perez (D) 3:22; 215: Hayden Groth (D) p. Jaydon Williams (C) :54; 285: Cal Chapman (D) p. Demarkus Wusinger (C) :44; 106: Aidan Voorhees (D) p. Isla Reinhardt (C) :49; 113: Brody Ashley (C) p. Wyatt Gerver (D) 1:33; 120: Markus Ottinger (D) won by forfeit; 126: Lucadis Foncesca (C) p. Angel Brito (D) 2:15; 132: Matt Martel (C) t.f. over Balois Franco (D) 19-4.

Championship
ALLEGAN 65, DOWAGIAC 18
144: Treydan Vanderkooi (A) p. Cameron White (D) 5:00; 150: Landon Fance-Coulson (A) p. Peyton Williamson :36; 157: Aiden Pearce (A) p. Weski Wesaw (D) 3:24; 165: Ryan Sparks (A) p. Ryan Cardwell (D) 1:26; 175: Rysten Williams (A) p. Maverick Baerg (D) 1:30; 190: Dylan Ritsema (A) p. Joseph Perez (D) :50; 215: Hayden Groth (D) p. Sylar Bush (A) 3:39; 285: Cal Chapman (D) won by forfeit; 106: Jacob Collier (A) p. Aidan Voorhees (D) :24; 113: Markus Ottinger (D) p. Sullivan Morgan (A) :23; 120: Cooper Prentice (A) p. Angel Brito (D) 2:40; 126: Hudson VanderKooi (A) won by forfeit; 132: Cesar Mendoza (A) p. Balois Franco (D) :14; 138: Luke Wedge (A) t.f. over Alfonzo Williams 19-3.

BOYS BASKETBALL
BRANDYWINE 70, OUR LADY OF THE LAKES CATHOLIC 46
At St. Joseph
BRANDYWINE (70): J.J. Henry 7, Nylen Goins 23, Elijhia Burt 10, Will Hubbard 6, Mason Michilin 2, Ryder Richard 5, Emerson Gogley 12, Logan Swartz 0. Totals 30 0-4 70.
OUR LADY OF THE LAKES CATHOLIC (46): Evan Watts 0, Eli McLoughlin 11, Bradyn Harper 6, Conner Yankauskas 12, Tommy Cullen 2, Ben Jollay 11, Anthony Jashoway 4. Totals 18 6-10 46.
Brandywine 18 32 54 70
Our Lady of the Lake 17 29 42 46
3-point baskets: Brandywine 10 (Goins 4, Gogley 2, Burt 2, Henry 1, Richard 1), Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic 4 (McLoughlin 2, Yankauskas 2). Total fouls: Brandywine 11, Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic 5. Records: Brandywine 11-8, Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic 6-13

GIRLS BASKETBALL
CONSTANTINE 55, DOWAGIAC 34
At Constantine
DOWAGIAC (34): Carlie Carpenter 18, Claire Hess 4, Eve Lock 6, Bree Campbell 6, Jamela Bonds 0. Totals 11 9-20 34.
CONSTANTINE (55): Jaedyn Herlein 8, Paytin Featherstone 4, Raeann Michalek 4, Sienna Salisbury 10, Olivia Helein 17, Yara Ortiz-Soto 7, Ashlynn Michalek 1, Jozee Buglione 4. Totals 22 9-13 55.
Dowagiac 1 5 25 34
Constantine 12 27 43 55
3-point baskets: Dowagiac 3 (Campbell 2, Lock 1), Constantine 2 (Salisbury 2). Total fouls: Dowagiac 16, Constantine 13. Records: Dowagiac 5-12, Constantine 9-9

GROWTH

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Dowagiac dropped a tough 17-13 decision in his match with Coloma's Jay Christe.

Weski Wesaw (157) and Balois Franco (132) of Dowagiac both lost matches by technical fall against Coloma.

In the upperweights, Dowagiac's Hayden Groth (215) won by pinfall over Coloma's Jaydon Williams in 0:54, while Chieftains' teammate Cal Chapman (285) stuck the Comets' Demarkus Wusinger in 0:44.

In the lower weights, Dowagiac's Aidan Voorhees (106) pinned Isla Reinhardt in 0:49.

Dowagiac grapplers Maverick Baerg (175), Joseph Perez (190), Wyatt Gerver (119) and Angel Brito (126) all lost their matches by pinfall.

Receiving victories by void for Dowagiac were Cinthia Villegas (144), Cameron White (150), Ryan Cardwell (165) and Markus Ottinger (120).

Dowagiac gave up a total of nine pins against a more experienced Allegan squad and lost another match on a technical fall.

Dowagiac's lone wins against Allegan came at 215, 285 and 113.

Groth (215) pinned Sylar Bush in 3:39. Chapman (285) won by void and Ottinger (113) stuck Sullivan Morgan in 0:23.

Although the team portion of the season ends, four Dowagiac individuals are still chasing state championships dreams.

Groth (215, 33-7), Chapman (285, 35-2), Ottinger (113, 23-15) and White (144, 33-12) will compete in Saturday's Individual Regional at Olivet High School.

Chapman was district champion, while Groth took runners-up honors, White earned third and Ottinger finished fourth.

The top four finishers in all 14 weight divisions advance to the individual state finals at Ford Field Feb. 28-March 1.

HOOPS

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Superczynski II said.

Cassopolis, normally a drive and kick type team at the offensive end, resembled more of a ballclub bent on driving and content to take a shot after just one pass.

"We do like to shoot from outside, but tonight we forced things and just couldn't get our offense going. Most of our guys in our starting five these last three games were averaging over 10 points and five or six assists," Superczynski II said. "When we share and distribute the basketball well it shows and when we don't we look worse. Going forward we have to learn that we can't dribble the air out of the basketball. That takes extra practice time if we can find it."

The win was an exciting and an emotional one for Marcellus and long-time head coach Troy Kahler. The Rangers have dominated the series between the two schools since the Southwest 10 Conference was formed at beginning of the 2014-15 school year and the current list of league members began squaring off in 2016-17.

"Our kids rotated very well at the defensive end of the

floor. Cassopolis isn't a great rebounding team, but they are long and very athletic. We won this game with our defense and did enough good things at the offensive end to come out on top," Kahler said.

"We turned the ball over a bit in transition, but we also got some good looks out of that as well. I'm very proud of our kids. We've played eight of our last nine games away and now we finish the regular-season with five straight home games, plus we get to host districts."

Marcellus capitalized on Cassopolis' tendency to put up errant shots right out of the gate. The Wildcats forced numerous early turnovers and capitalized for a quick 9-2 lead.

Freshman guard Jamiere Pratt drained a three pointer to end the bleeding and pull the Rangers within four, 9-5. That momentum didn't last for too long as Marcellus senior starter Beau Ferguson nailed a triple and added a putback moments after to put his team up 14-6 at the end of the first quarter.

Ferguson, a four-year starter and one of seven seniors on Marcellus' roster, finished with 15 points to lead his team in scoring. Parker Adams, another four-year starter, added 14 followed by junior postplayer Jamarion Robinson with 10 and Yona Goodlow and Quinton Tone added six each.

Marcellus, which drained a total of six three pointers, finished the night shooting 23-of-50 (46 percent) from the floor while swishing 6-of-11 (55 percent) free-throw attempts.

Marcellus broke Cassopolis' defensive pressure in the second quarter in getting a assortment of layups and other shots inside, along with a pair of threes to build themselves a commanding 28-10 halftime advantage.

Ferguson knocked down three triples for Marcellus in the third quarter as the Wildcats outscored the Rangers 22-11 and upped its lead to 50-21 entering the final eight minutes.

Cassopolis made just 11-of-61 attempts (18 oercent) from the field and a chilly 6-for 17 (35.2 percent) from the foul stripe.

Cassopolis was led in scoring by Jamiere Pratt with nine points. Trevon Peterson-Evans added seven points for the Rangers, freshman Tyson West contributed six and Jaylen Pratt scored five.

Marcellus owned a 35-26 rebounding advantage over Cassopolis.

Ferguson also added six rebounds for Marcellus, while Adams led the Wildcats with nine boards. Sophomore Abram Coffey added five boards for the winners and Robinson snagged four for the Wildcats.

Cassopolis was led in rebounding by West with six, while Jaylen Pratt added six and Jamiere Pratt had five boards.

Marcellus forced Cassopolis into 23 turnovers. The Wildcats coughed up the ball 11 times in the contest.

TITLES

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215: Shane Dams (Hamilton) p. Jaxon Smith (Three Rivers) 3:51; 285: Adin Young (Plainwell) p. Ryder Balkema (Otsego) 4:40.

Consolation Finals
106: Pilot Swab (Lakeshore) p. Judd Riggins (Lakeshore) 1:51; 113: Grady Erlandson (Plainwell) p. Keegan Leclear (St. Joseph) 1:42; 120: Brody Morrill (Three Rivers) d. Kyler Snellenbarger (Three Rivers), forfeit; 126: Zeke Andrina (Otsego) d. Miles Nesbit (Wayland) 9-6; 132: Evan Wilkes (St. Joseph) p. Rex Emmorey (Wayland) 2:49; 138: Cole Lausch (Lakeshore) p. Ethan Moreland (Three Rivers) 2:55; 144: Kholby Armijo (Paw Paw) m.d. over Jake Smit (Wayland) 14-6.

150: Marco Vega (Plainwell) p. Gavin Keller (St. Joseph) 2:47; 157: Vernon Riggins (Lakeshore) d. Rickey Lynch (Plainwell) 5-4; 165: **Cale Myers (Edwardsburg)** d. Kameron Armijo (Paw Paw) 9-2; 175: Tyler Block (Hamilton) t.f. over Ryan Sipkema (Wayland) 16-0; 190: Patrick Knight (Wyoming Godwin Heights) d. Jackson Palmer (Three Rivers) 9-3; 215: Carter Ritchie (Plainwell) d. Isaac Nevins (Hamilton) 2-1; 285: Caleb Pugh (Grand Rapids Christian) d. Sam Reynolds (Three Rivers) 8-2.

DIVISION 3
At Dowagiac
Championship Finals
106: Brody Ashley (Coloma) t.f. over Greysin Hopp (Constantine) 17-0; 113: Wyatt Runkel (Hopkins) p. Sullivan Morgan (Allegan) 2:47; 120: Matt Martel (Coloma) d. Luke Klinge (Hopkins) 11-9; 126: Luke Isbrecht (Watervliet p. Jose Garcia (South Haven) 5:48; 132: Preston Like (Constantine) m.d. over Cooper Anderson (Hopkins) 17-8; 138: Beaer Geibe (Constantine) m.d. over Luke Wedge (Allegan) 20-6; 144: Caden Brown (Hopkins) d. Treydan Vanderkooi (Allegan) 9-8.

150: Mikey Yelding (South Haven) t.f. over Landon Fance-Coulson (Allegan) 20-2; 157: Brody Jones (Constantine) t.f. over **Leland Payne (Buchanan)** 21-6; 165: Linken Birkhead (Hartford) p. Korbin Hicks (Constantine) 3:04; 175: Rysten Williams (Allegan) d. Zacorious Tanner (Coloma), injury default; 190: Joe Clayton (Coloma) d. Dylan Ritsema (Allegan) 5-0; 215: Evan Davidhizar (Constantine) p. **Hayden Groth (Dowagiac)** 3:42; 285: **Cal Chapman (Dowagiac)** d. Ayden Oisten (Allegan), injury default.

Consolation Finals
106: Jacob Collier (Allegan) t.f. over J.T. Isbrecht (Watervliet) 18-3; 113: Ashtin Forrester (Constantine) d. **Markus Ottinger (Dowagiac)** 17-15; 120: Cooper Prentice (Allegan) d. **Holden Carrington (Buchanan)** 9-2; 126: Roman Rodarte (Hartford) m.d. over Hudson VanderKooi (Allegan) 16-3; 132: Daniel White (Hartford) d. Cesar Mendoza (Allegan) 9-7; 138: Caylen Tate (Berrien Springs) d. **Aaron York (Buchanan)** 11-7; 144: **Cameron White (Dowagiac)** d. Zayden Rowland (South Haven) 4-2.

150: Vincente Garza (Hopkins) d. Cody Laughman (Constantine) 11-9; 157: Ryan Sparks (Allegan) d. Aiden Pearce (Allegan) 5-4; 165: Aaron Arnsman (Hopkins) t.f. over Larsen Kibler (Berrien Springs) 18-3; 175: Trevor Anderson (Hopkins) p. Brock Warren (Constantine) :54; 190: Mathew Davidhizar (Constantine) p. Timothy Wells (Hopkins) :30; 215: **Lucas Zeiger (Buchanan)** d. Joel Fish (Constantine) 1-0; 285: **Drew McKee (Brandywine)** p. Luis Rodriguez (Hartford) 1:00.

DIVISION 4
At Lawton
Consolation Finals
165: **Alan Wegner (Cassopolis)** m.d. over Colton Colingsworth (Gobles) 14-4.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
CALVIN TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW

March 3, 2025 – Organizational Meeting will be held at the Township Hall, located at 18693 Mt. Zion St, Cassopolis, at 1:00 pm. No appeals will be heard at this meeting.

March 11th – Official MBOR, held at the Township Hall from 10:00am – 4:00pm. Petitions will be heard by appointment and these can be scheduled by calling Krys at (269) 228-3331 or email kam.assessing@gmail.com. Walk-ins will be seen as permits.

March 14th – MBOR, held at the Township Hall from 3:00pm – 9:00pm, located at the Township Hall. Appeals will be heard by appointment, which can be scheduled by calling Krys at (269) 228-3331 or email kam.assessing@gmail.com. Walk-ins will be seen as permits

PUBLIC NOTICE
JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF REVIEW

The Organizational meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 4, 2025, at 2:30 pm at the Jefferson Township Hall, 24725 Jefferson Center Street, Cassopolis. No appeals of the 2025 assessments will be heard at this time. The Board of Review will meet to hear appeals of 2025 assessments on Monday, March 10, 9:00 am-3:00 pm and Tuesday, March 11, 3:00 pm - 9:00 pm. Resident and non-resident property owners may protest by letter if received by noon on Monday, March 11, 2025. Estimated multipliers for each class of property for 2025 are as follows:

Agricultural…..... 1.1947
Commercial…..... 1.0679
Industrial…..... 1.0686
Residential…..... 1.0672

The tentative ratio for each class is 50%. The inflation rate multiplier for use in calculating 2025 capped value is 1.031
The Township will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services to those with disabilities planning to attend upon three (3) days' notice to the Township Clerk. If you require such aids or services and plan to appeal in person, please call the Township.
Shalice Northrop, Jefferson Township Assessor

POKAGON TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING 2025

Pokagon Township Board of Review will meet to hear appeals of the 2025 Assessments at:

Pokagon Township Hall 30683 Peavine St. Dowagiac, MI 49047
Monday March 10th 9 A.M. To 12 Noon & 1 P.M. to 4 P.M.
Thursday March 13th 1:30 P.M. To 4:30 P.M. & 6 P.M. to 9 P.M.
Residents and Non-Residents my protest by letter and
Must be received by March 13th , 2025

Beginning factors and ratios for each class of property are as follows:

Tentative	Ratio %	Factor
Agriculture	41.05	1.2180
Commercial	47.59	1.0506
Industrial	47.91	1.0436
Residential	50.54	0.9893
Personal	50.00	1.0000

Assessments have been adjusted to result in an anticipated multiplier of 1.0000 for each class.
With proposal A in effect the Taxable Values, excluding new construction and transfers of ownership are capped at the rate of inflation, 3.1%

Public Notices

Camp Tamarack, Jones, Michigan. The proposed assistance will take place at Camp Tamarack at various times from October 2025 through September 2027. Construction contractors, labor unions, or private individuals who have questions or who wish to voice opposition to military assistance for this project may contact John Cary, Scout Executive from the LaSalle Council BSA at (574) 289-0337 or via email at john.cary@scouting.org no later than thirty (30) days after the first publication of this notice. Persons not filing comments within the time frame noted will be considered to have waived their objections to military assistance for this project.

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ASSISTANCE

PUBLIC NOTICE

The **Penn Township Board of Review** for 2025 will convene at the Township Hall, located at 60717 Main St, Vandalia, Michigan, on the following dates and times:
Organizational Meeting: (No appeals will be heard at this meeting)
• **Monday, March 3, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.**
Appeal Hearings:
• **Monday, March 10, 2025 from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**
• **Tuesday, March 11, 2025 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**
The Board of Review will meet for as many additional days as necessary to address questions, hear protests, and equalize the 2025 assessments. Residents may also submit protests to the Board of Review by letter. Written appeals must include a completed Board of Review Petition Form (Form L-4035), which can be provided upon request.
Appointments are recommended and can be made by contacting Don at **(815) 546-8288.**
Walk-ins will also be accepted.
IMPORTANT:
Residents submitting written protests must ensure they are r**eceived by 3:00 p.m. on Monday, March 10, 2025.**
The Township will provide necessary and reasonable accommodations to individuals with disabilities at Board of Review meetings with at least seven (7) days' notice. Please contact the assessor for assistance.
Contact Information:
Don Jollay, MAAO
Phone: **(815) 546-8288**
Email: PennAssessor@gmail.com
Mailing Address:
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BOARD OF REVIEW

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE
SILVER CREEK TOWNSHIP
2025 MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW

The Silver Creek Township March Board of Review for 2025 will be held at the Silver Creek Township Hall, 32764 Dixon St, on the following dates:
March 4th, 2025 (10:15 am – 11:15am) = **Organizational Meeting – No Appeals**
March 10th, 2025 (9:00 am – 12:00pm & 1:00pm – 4:00 pm) = **Appeal Hearing***
March 12th, 2025 (2:00 pm – 5:00pm & 6:00pm – 9:00 pm) = **Appeal Hearing***
March 15th, 2025 (9:00 am – 12:00 noon) = **Appeal Hearing**
* By Board resolution, residents are able to protest by letter, provided protest letter is received prior to March 15 th , 2025
The tentative ratios and the estimated multipliers for each class of real property and personal property for 2025 are as follows:
Class Ratio Factor
*Agricultural 38.78% 1.28932
*Commercial 43.21% 1.15714
*Residential 43.45% 1.15075
*Industrial 54.48% 0.91777
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Anne Richmond, Assessor
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MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW

Legal Notices

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE BY ADVERTISEMENT

Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Cass County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM, on March 12, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information:
Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Garrett Hess, Single Man
Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): PennyMac Loan Services, LLC
Date of Mortgage: November 16, 2021
Date of Mortgage Recording: November 19, 2021
Amount claimed due on date of notice: $246,664.76
Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Ontwa, Cass County, Michigan, and described as: Beginning at a point on the quarter section line which is North 89 degrees 19 minutes West, 243.05 feet from the
East quarter corner of Section 16, Township 8 South, Range 15 West; thence South 15 degrees 16 minutes
East, 351.80 feet; thence South 71 degrees 49 minutes West, 221.70 feet to the center of County Road; thence
Northwesterly 490.00 feet along center of said County Road; thence North 53 degrees 32 minutes East 161.63 feet to said quarter section line; thence South 89 degrees 18 minutes East 266.70 feet along said quarter section line to the point of beginning.
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Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Charles Edward Hawthorne III, an unmarried man
Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): PennyMac Loan Services LLC
Date of Mortgage: March 16, 2020
Date of Mortgage Recording: April 1, 2020
Amount claimed due on date of notice: $248,951.20
Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Ontwa, Cass County, Michigan, and described as: Lot Numbered 11, Kyte's Addition to Cavin Cove according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats Page 88, Cass County Records.
Common street address (if any): 23671 S Shore Dr, Edwardsburg, MI 49112-8525
The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).
If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.
Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.
This notice is from a debt collector.
Date of notice: February 8, 2025
Trott Law, P.C.
31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145
Farmington Hills, MI 48334
(248) 642-2515

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Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Cass County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM on MARCH 26, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information.
Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Robert Leighton and Linda Leighton, husband and wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Landmark Mortgage Group, Inc., Mortgagee, dated September 16, 2005 and recorded September 27, 2005 in Liber 920, Page 1697 Cass County Records, Michigan. Said Mortgage is now held by Select Portfolio Servicing, Inc. by Assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-Three Thousand Five Hundred Seventy-Six and 0/100 Dollars ($43,576.00).
Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the place of holding the circuit court within Cass County, Michigan at 10:00 AM on MARCH 26, 2025.
Said premises are located in the Township of Porter, Cass County Michigan, and are described as:
Commencing at the Southeast corner of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 31, Town 7 South, Range 13 West; thence West 11 rods; thence North 33 rods; thence East 11 rods to the half Section line; thence South along said half Section line 33 rods to the Place of Beginning.
EXCEPTING THEREFROM Commencing 11 rods North of the Southeast corner of the Northeast quarter of the Northwest fractional quarter of Section 31, Town 7 South, Range 13 West, thence West 11 rods; thence North 22 rods; thence West 2 rods; thence North 23.5 rods; thence East 13 rods; thence South 45.5 rods along the one-half section line to the point of beginning.
67236 Union Road, Jones, Michigan 49061
The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.
If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period.
Dated: February 8, 2025
File No. 24-012185
Firm Name: Orlans Law Group PLLC
Firm Address: 1650 West Big Beaver Road, Troy MI 48084
Firm Phone Number: (248) 502.1400
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LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
CASS COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
DECEDENT'S ESTATE
CASE NO. 2024-284-DE

Estate of Barbara A. Burton and The Barbara A. Burton Revocable Living Trust Agreement dated August 27, 1999.
Date of Birth: 03.08.1934
TO ALL CREDITORS:**
Notice to creditors: The decedent, Barbara Burton, died February 14, 2024. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Gail Barlow, Personal Representative, or to both the probate court at 60296 M-62 Cassopolis, MI 49031 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

02.05.25

Gail Barlow
3012 Yankee St.
Niles, MI 49120
269.362.2294

Nicholas R. Hogue P81291
107 Pennsylvania Ave.
Dowagiac, MI 49047
269.782.9895

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Cass County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM, on March 12, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information:
Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Jennifer LaPorte and Charles James LaPorte, wife and husband
Original Mortgagee: Honor Credit Union
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): None
Date of Mortgage: October 15, 2020
Date of Mortgage Recording: November 3, 2020
Amount claimed due on date of notice: $281,018.28
Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Wayne, Cass County, Michigan, and described as: Parcel I: Beginning at the East Quarter Corner of Section 29, Town 5 South, Range 15 West, thence South 00 degrees 28 minutes 19 seconds East (previously described as South), along the East Section 187.70 feet; thence North 89 degrees 40 minutes 28 seconds West parallel with the East and West Quarter line, 750.80 feet; thence North 00 degrees 26 minutes 13 seconds West (Previously described as North) 187.70 feet to the East and West Quarter line; thence South 89 degrees 40 minutes 28 seconds East (previously described as East), along said line, 750.68 feet to the point of beginning.
Parcel II: A right of way over the North 10 feet of the East half of the Southeast Quarter of Section 29, to Atwood Road.
Common street address (if any): 54516 Atwood Rd, Dowagiac, MI 49047-9459
The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).
If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.
Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.
This notice is from a debt collector.
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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE BY ADVERTISEMENT

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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Louis J. Pysklo, a single man
Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Carrington Mortgage Services LLC
Date of Mortgage: March 7, 2016
Date of Mortgage Recording: March 14, 2016
Amount claimed due on date of notice: $192,775.48
Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of La Grange, Cass County, Michigan, and described as: Commencing at a point which is 663.34 feet East of the South Quarter post of Section 28, Township 6 South, Range 15 West, thence North 01 degrees 00 minutes 40 seconds West, 290.40 feet; thence West 300 feet; thence South 01 degrees 00 minutes 40 seconds East, 290.40 feet to a point on the South line of said Section; thence East along said Section line, 300 feet to the place of beginning.
Common street address (if any): 25384 Pokagon Hwy, Cassopolis, MI 49031-8643
The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).
If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.
Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.
This notice is from a debt collector.
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Cass County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM on 3/19/2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. Names of Mortgagor(s): Billy R. Maynor Jr and Virginia Maynor. Original mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Best Home Financial Inc. Date of mortgage: 5/30/2008. Mortgage recorded on 6/4/2008 as Document No. 29492, in Liber 978, Page 1693. Foreclosing Assignee (if any): 1st Source Bank. Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: $52,006.38 Mortgaged premises: Situated in Cass County, and described as: THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY LOCATED IN CASS COUNTY, MICHIGAN: BEGINNING AT THE NORTH ONE-QUARTER (1/4) CORNER OF SECTION 15, TOWN 6 SOUTH, RANGE 16 WEST, THENCE SOUTH 0 DEGREES 07 MINUTES EAST, 447.00 FEET; THENCE WEST 148.5 FEET; THENCE NORTH 0 DEGREES 07 MINUTES, WEST 447.00 FEET TO THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 15, THENCE EAST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 15, 148.5 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. Commonly known as 30495 Peavine St, Dowagiac, MI 49047. The redemption period will be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is abandoned or used for agricultural purposes. If the property is determined abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days after the statutory notice, whichever is later. If the property is determined abandoned under MCL 600.3241, the redemption period will be 1 month from the date of such sale. If the property is presumed to be used for agricultural purposes pursuant to MCL 600.3240(16), the redemption period is 1 year from the date of such sale. The redemption period may be extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238. If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of Act 236 of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. Date of Notice: 02/15/2025. Codilis & Moody, P.C. 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100 Burr Ridge, IL 60527 (313) 536-2500. This law firm is a debt collector. C&M File 23-25-00004
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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE DUTY. ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. ATTENTION HOMEOWNER: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Under the power of sale contained herein in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or a cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Cass County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM, on Wednesday, March 19, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. MORTGAGE SALE – Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jeremy Paul Fabiano, a single man, and Melissa Jane Ettline, a single woman, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. (MERS), as nominee for Success Mortgage Partners, Inc., dated September 23, 2022, and recorded September 28, 2022 in 197161 Liber1223 Page1941, in Cass County records, Michigan, and assigned to Planet Home Lending, LLC by an Assignment of Mortgage recorded on December 30, 2024 in 217937 L: 1254 P:2471,on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Two Hundred Seventy-Six Thousand Four Hundred Eighty-Seven and 65/100 dollars ($276,487.65). Said premises are situated in the Village of Edwardsburg, County of Cass, and State of Michigan, and particularly described as: Lots 41 and 44 in an Addition to the Village of Edwardsburg, according to the Plat thereof as recorded. Property Address: 26730 Main Street, Edwardsburg, MI 49112 Parcel No.: 14-091-100-031-00 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Dated: February 15, 2025 For more information, please call: (440) 572-1511 Sottile and Barile PLLC Attorneys for Plaintiff 394 Wards Corner Boulevard, Suite 180 Loveland, OH 45140 File MF2412016 - Fabiano, Jeremy Paul, & Ettline, Melissa Jane (FHA) - JR
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LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF MICHIGAN
43RD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
DEFAULT
REQUEST AND ENTRY
CASE NO. and JUDGE
24-000609-CH
Carol M. Bealor
Court address 60296 M 62, Cassopolis, MI 49031-8715
Court telephone no. 269-445-4416

CitiMortgage, Inc.
c/o Plaintiff's Attorney
SCHNEIDERMAN & SHERMAN P.C.
Melissa Z. Prantzalos (P70666)
23938 Research Drive, Suite 300
Farmington Hills, MI 483335
248.539.7400
v Any and all heirs, Assignees and Devisees of Esther A. Gogley
Party in default:: Any and all heirs, Assignees and Devisees of Esther A. Gogley

REQUEST

1. I request the clerk to enter the default of party named above for failure to plead or otherwise defend as provided by law.
2. The defaulted party is not an infant or incompetent person.
3. The defaulted party is not in the military service.
4. This request is made on my personal knowledge and, if sworn as a witness, I can testify completely to the facts in this request.

I declare under the penalties of perjury that this request has been examined by me and that its contents are true to the best of my information, knowledge, and belief.
/s/Melissa Z. Prantzalos
Subscribed and sworn to before me on 2-5-25
/s/La'Shana Cooper
My commission expires on MARCH 12, 2028
La'Shana Cooper
Notary public, State of Michigan, County of WAYNE
Acting in the County of OAKLAND

DEFAULT ENTRY

NOTE: Default can be entered by a district court Clerk without the request of a party.
The default of the party named above for failure to plead or otherwise defend is entered.
/s/Monica McMichael
02/06/2025
CLERK/REGISTER
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Default has occurred in the conditions of a Mortgage (the "Mortgage") made by FRANK EDWARD KULIGOWSKI JR. and HEATHER ELAINE KULIGOWSKI, husband and wife, as Mortgagor(s), to Peoples Federal Savings Bank of Dekalb County (with Horizon Bank as successor in interest by merger), as Mortgagee. The Mortgage is dated December 28, 2012 and was recorded January 2, 2013 at Liber 1052 Page 1827 of Cass County Records. The amount claimed to be due on said Mortgage and unpaid at the date of this Notice is ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-FOUR THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED FOUR AND 61/100 ($124,604.61) DOLLARS, including interest on the applicable indebtedness at a variable rate of 7.500% per annum. This sum will increase as additional interest, costs, expenses, and attorney fees accrue under the Mortgage and its related note and which are permitted under Michigan law after the date of this Notice. No legal or equitable proceedings have been instituted to recover the debt secured by the Mortgage, and the power of sale in the Mortgage has become operative by reason of the default. At the date and time as referenced previously in this Notice, the Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the property herein described, or some part of them, at public auction, to the highest bidder, for the purpose of satisfying the amount due and unpaid on the Mortgage, along with interest due, the legal costs and charges of sale as allowed by statute and/or the Mortgage, and any taxes and insurance that the Mortgagee pays on or prior to the date of said sale. The property mentioned and described in the Mortgage, as located in the Township of LaGrange, County of Cass, and State of Michigan, are more particularly described as follows: PARCEL I: Part of the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 14 and part of the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 23, Township 6 South, Range 15 West, LaGrange Township, Cass County, Michigan described as: From the South Quarter corner of said Section 14, measure North 0°18'23" West, along the North and South Quarter line of said Section, 356.87 feet to the center line of Shurte Street and the point of beginning of the land herein described; thence North 0°18'23" West, along the North and South Quarter line of said Section, 956.36 feet to the Northwest corner of the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of said Section; thence South 89°02'23" East, along the South eighth line of said Section, 1317.82 feet to the Northeast corner of the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of said Section; thence South 0°19'43" East, along the East eighth line of said Section, 1315.11 feet to the Southeast corner of the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of said Section; thence South 0°02'18" West, along the East eighth line of said Section 23, 484.29 feet to the center line of Shurte Street; thence North 83°28'55" West, along said center line, 343.23 feet, and thence around a 434.01 foot radius curve to the right, 288.84 feet, the chord of said curve being North 64°24'59" West, 283.54 feet, and thence North 45°21'02" West, 439.58 feet, and thence North 46°06'00" West, 569.36 feet, all along said center line of the point of beginning. PARCEL 2: Part of the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 14 and part of the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 23, Township 6 South, Range 15 West, LaGrange Township, Cass County, Michigan, described as; Beginning at the South Quarter corner of said Section 14; thence North 0°18'23" West, along the North and South Quarter line of said Section, 356.87 feet to the center line of Shurte Street; thence South 46°06'00" East, along said center line, 569.36 feet, and thence South 45°21'02" East, 439.58 feet, and thence around a 434.01 foot radius curve to the left 288.84 feet, the chord of said curve being South 64°24'59" East, 283.54 feet, and thence South 83°28'55" East, 343.23 feet and the East eighth line of said Section 23; thence South 0°02'18" West, along said eighth line, 787.09 feet; thence North 89°35'53" West, 627.21 feet; thence North 7°34'33" East, 252.71 feet; thence North 78°50'10" West, 351.72 feet; thence North 9°13'43" West, 138.44 feet; thence North 79°45'24" West, 362.98 feet to the North and South Quarter line of said Section 23; thence North 0°04'37" East, along said Quarter line 771.06 feet to the point of beginning. Subject to an easement over the most Easterly 20.00 feet thereof; PARCEL 3: Part of the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter and part of the North Half of the Southwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 23, Township 6 South, Range 15 West, LaGrange Township, Cass County, Michigan described as; From the North Quarter corner of said Section 23, measure South 0°04'37" West, along the North and South Quarter line of said Section, 771.06 feet to the point of beginning of the land herein described; thence South 79°45'24" East, 362.98 feet; thence South 9°13'43" East, 138.44 feet; thence South 78°50'10" East, 351.72 feet; thence South 7°34'33" West, 252.71 feet; thence South 89°35'53" East, 627.21 feet to the East eighth line of said Section; thence South 0°02'18" West, 711.82 feet; thence North 88°55'43" West, along the South line of the North Half of the Southwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of said Section, 1319.71 feet to the North and South Quarter line of said Section; thence North 0°04'37" East, along said Quarter line, 1211.53 feet to the point of beginning; EXCEPTING THEREFROM: the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter lying North of Shurte Street, Section 23, Town 6 South, Range 15 West. ALSO EXCEPTING THEREFORM: the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter lying North of Shurte Street, Section 14 Town 6 South, Range 15 West. Containing 45.6 acres, more or less; Address: 23431 Shurte St., Cassopolis, MI 49031; Tax Parcel Nos.: 14-040-014-017-10 & 14-040-023-005-10 together with all existing or subsequently erected or affixed buildings, improvements, and fixtures; all easements, rights of way, streets, roads, alleys, and public places, privileges, and appurtenances, public or private, now or later used in connection with the premises; and all rights to make divisions of the land that are exempt from the platting requirements of all applicable land division or platting acts, as amended from time to time. Attention Purchasers: the foreclosing Mortgagee reserves the right to cancel the sale prior to sale or to rescind this sale at any time. In that event, your damages, if any, will be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at the sale, plus interest. If the mortgaged property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Attention Homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. The length of the redemption period will be one (1) year from date of sale, unless the redemption period is shortened pursuant to MCL 600.3241a or MCL 600.3238, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of sale or as otherwise provided by statute. DATED: February 15, 2025 ANDREW W. BARNES (P70571) BUTZEL LONG P.C. ATTORNEYS FOR HORIZON BANK 317 Center Street South Haven, MI 49090 269-287-2010

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Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Iva Gentry, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Flagstar Bank, FSB, its successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated August 9, 2021 and recorded August 17, 2021 in Liber 1201, Page 2088 and affidavit affecting realty recorded on February 5, 2025, in Liber 1256, Page 477, Cass County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Nationstar Mortgage LLC, by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Thirty-Two Thousand Six Hundred Sixty-Nine and 68/100 Dollars ($132,669.68).
Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the place of holding the circuit court within Cass County, Michigan at 10:00 AM on MARCH 19, 2025.
Said premises are located in the Village of Cassopolis, Cass County Michigan, and are described as:
Lot 15 in Block 1 North, Range 2 East in Original Plat of the Village of Cassopolis, according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 54 of Deeds, Page 575, Cass County Records.
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The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.
If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period.
Dated: February 15, 2025
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Firm Phone Number: (248) 502.1400
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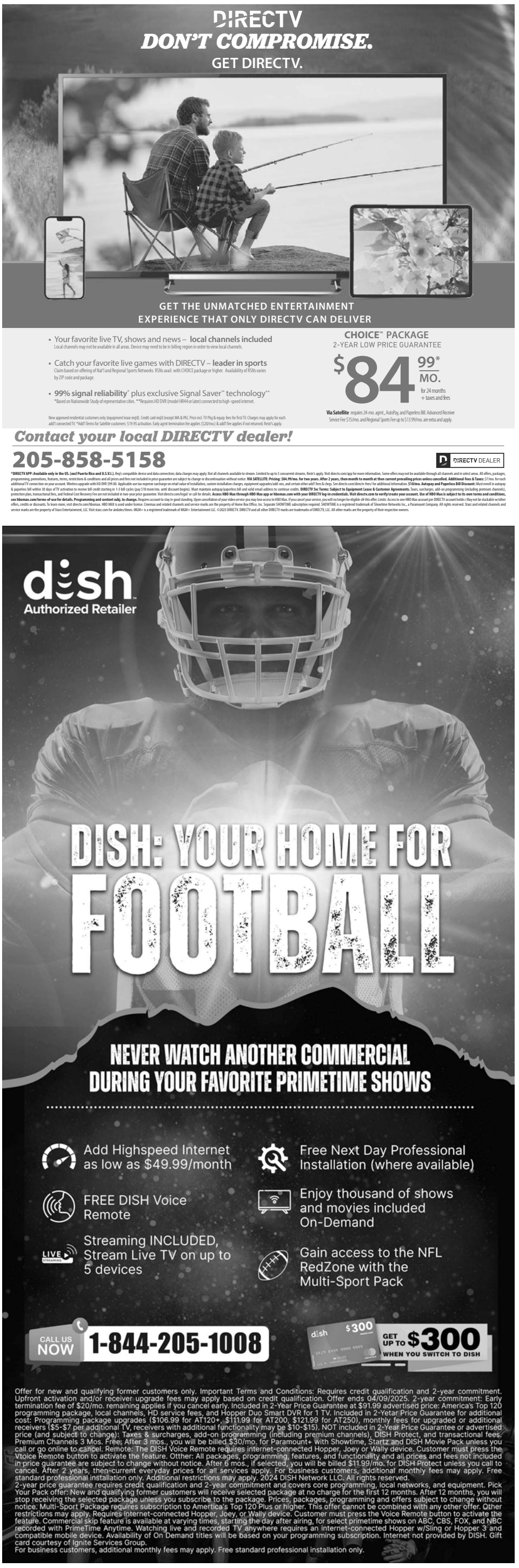
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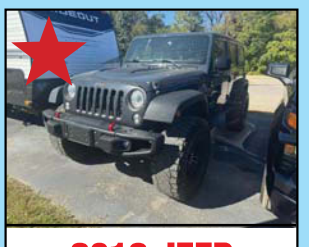

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